



The Editor's Page

Kruger's Football Story

THE SILENT WORKER this month features Sports Editor Art Kruger's "21st Football Story," which makes this issue something of a sports number. In attempting to make a selection of school football players rating the very best in the land, Kruger probably contends with the same difficulties all selectors of all-star teams experience. There are many good players and it is no easy task to decide which are the best, but there is no other man in the United States who studies the players and their records as Art Kruger does and we accept his selections as the most authentic obtainable.

The members of Kruger's All-American team are pictured on the cover. The four players across the top, reading from left to right are Sam Pert of Florida, end; Kenneth Johnson of Alabama, guard; John Popovich of West Virginia, back; and Eugene Smith of West Virginia, end. The lone player in the second row is Dee Haptonstall of Colorado, guard. In the third row are Jerry Berlowitz, New York, back; Joe Russell, Mississippi, back; Charles Buemi, West Virginia, back; and Don Phelps, Illinois, center.

The four players across the bottom are Stanley Rudnicki of the American School (Conn.), tackle; Ted Schultz, Illinois, tackle; Paul Mehring, Illinois, back; and Sammy Oates, Texas, back.

The two players in the center, numbers 32 and 31, respectively, Joe Russell and Charles Buemi, were named by Kruger Co-Players of the Year, marking the first time he has selected more than one player for this honor. The two boys will receive identical trophies given annually by THE SILENT WORKER to the Player of the Year.

The cover picture was put together by Mrs. Caroline Burnes, the editor's wife, who is hereby extended our thanks for a job well done. To her falls the annual task of assembling Kruger's all-stars into a presentable picture.

THE SILENT WORKER congratulates the All-Americans, the Players of the Year, and the Coach of the Year, Don Bullock of the West Virginia School.

Charles J. Falk

Due to lack of space we were unable to introduce the author of the article about the Nebraska School for the Deaf which appears on another page. It was written by Charles J. Falk, a veteran teacher in the Nebraska School, and also

a graduate of the Nebraska School as well as of Gallaudet College.

Mr. Falk began his teaching career in the Florida School in 1925 and moved to the Mississippi School in 1929. He returned to the Nebraska School in 1937, specializing in mathematics, in which subject he has prepared a number of students for Gallaudet College. He edits the alumni department in the *Nebraska Journal*, the school publication, and he served one term as secretary of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf.

Our thanks go to Mr. Falk for his contribution to our series on schools for the deaf.

The Inadequacy of the Public Schools

We wish every parent of a deaf child could read "Sifting the Sands," on page 19 of this issue. THE SILENT WORKER on numerous past occasions has expressed its objection to the theory that a deaf child can be properly educated in the public schools, or in day classes for the deaf within the public school system, and now we offer the testimony of one who has suffered through one of these experiments in education.

A bright pupil with talent for lip reading can manage to acquire the three R's in such a set-up, but if education is life he certainly does not acquire an education. The pupil less gifted in natural ability does not even acquire the three R's. He simply drifts along until time to graduate and then he is turned out practically a helpless victim of the theorists in education.

Mr. Falberg's experiences have been repeated by hundreds of other deaf children whose parents have been led to believe that they can be "restored to society" in the unsympathetic public school atmosphere. Most of these children sooner or later turn to the society of the deaf who have been educated in schools for the deaf, and there they find the companionship and understanding they have been denied, although it is usually too late for them to acquire the education that has been denied them. Those who are not so fortunate as to make the acquaintance of other deaf persons frequently come out of the public school classes with their personalities warped for life.

In so vividly describing his own experiences Mr. Falberg has rendered a service to the deaf. In this world of the

deaf we known of many others who could give the same testimony. Some day we hope to have a collection of such articles in the N.A.D. office which can be used to some extent to offset the claims of the theorists and faddists in education.

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Coach Don Bullock's West Virginia School for the Deaf football squad, picked as the mightiest of them all. The Lions won seven straight games after losing the opener, scoring 298 points while holding their opponents to 63. Front row, left to right: Victor Davy 37, Richard Burdette 41, Bill Justice 61, Mike Clay 20, Kenneth Hartman 44, Donald Jones 15, John Burnetti 70, Carol Hamlin 85, Robert Rogers 80. Second row (kneeling): Arthur Maust (Mgr.), Chester Moyers 21, Ronald Wood 75, Joe Demerit 64, Buddy Brooks 60, Donald Lawson 76, Tommy Stolling 51, Larry Adkins 54. Rear (standing): Fred Criss (Mgr.), Harold Wiley (Mgr.), Gene Smith 88, Bobby Moon 73, James Brewster 63, Curtis Collins 43, John Popovich 35, Billy McCoy 14, Larry Jones 11, Billy Taylor 67, Charles Buemi 31, Big 77 Devericks, Billy Trader 81, Dean Swaim (Asst. Coach), Don Bullock (Head Coach).

Kruger's 21st Annual Football Story . . .

Surprising West Virginia Rated Best in Nation

Illinois Misses Second Straight Perfect Football Campaign . . . North Carolina and New York Set Record for Nation's Longest Win Streak—18 . . . Mississippi's Mighty Joe Russell and West Virginia's Huntington Flash, Charles Buemi, Honored as Co-Players of Year . . . Don Bullock of West Virginia Named Coach of Year . . . Mt. Airy Ties New York in Finale, Spoiling Latter's Third Straight Perfect Season

By Art Kruger

HELLO AGAIN.

We're back at the same old stand ready to relate the doings of the nation's deaf peppy prep gridsters.

For the first time in the history of our football writing business, "co-players of the year" have been selected for the All-American school for the deaf eleven.

They are a couple of the greatest deaf prep backs to perform in the country in a couple of decades — Charles Buemi of West Virginia and Joe Russell of Mississippi.

Not that we could come up with a reason, a statistic or even a theory that could establish that Buemi is better than Russell, or vice versa.

The two fabled backs measured up as evenly as a flash and its shadow. Except that we could not say which was the shadow.

Physically they're somewhat different. Buemi is an inch taller at 6 feet, 1 inch, with Russell listed at 6 feet. Russell weighs 225 pounds, which is 50 pounds heavier than Buemi.

Buemi and Russell concluded their spectacular prep careers in their final games. Buemi tallied twice in his finale against Mt. Airy on November 10, Russell also scored two touchdowns in the

final game in the night game on Thanksgiving Day in the Lions Bowl Game at Sylacauga, Ala., against the Alabama Warriors.

Buemi, who excels in football, basketball and baseball for the West Virginia School for the Deaf Lions, had the tri-state area grid scoring title sewed up the second straight year with 110 points to his credit in eight games. He finished the season with 18 touchdowns and two conversions.

Last year the Lions' backfield star topped 'em all with 13 TD's and three conversions for a total of 81.

This really is a banner year for the Lion youngster, whose vocation is printing.

He started off by posting a 26.8 average in basketball, which was tops for the area. Charley appeared in 20 games and slammed in 536 points. He was in competition with 385 players who represented 30 schools in the area.

Participating in 10 games in the Potomac Valley Conference during the baseball season, Buemi turned in a respectable batting average of .290. He

A Californian who made good at West Virginia. The three-year plan has worked out on schedule at Romney, and Coach Don Bullock of the Lions is pleased at the huge success of the 1956 West Virginia team. Bouncing back from a 0-7-1 season in 1954 and a 2-6-0 record in 1955 to a successful record of seven-out-of-nine — that's enough to earn a man "Coach of the Year." This is Don's third season at West Virginia and he's on the top of the deaf football world.

also was the PVC top point-maker in football with 74 markers.

And here's what Coach Don Bullock has to say about Buemi:

Occasionally there appears upon the practice field a good-looking youth, lean and husky, quick-witted and intelligent, yet very modest. Watching such a youth for only a few minutes, the coach becomes beside himself with sheer delight, for this is a Johnny Lujack, an Ernie Nevers, an Otto Graham; in short, this is a coach's dream. Well, I had just such a dream this past fall — a dream to behold and to remember, in the person of Charles Roger Buemi.

This boy is a senior. He is called the "Huntington Flash," being from that city. He is the greatest deaf quarterback I and many



ART KRUGER





The Illinois School for the Deaf Tigers, who failed in their bid to become the school's first undefeated team since 1928, when they lost to potent Notre Dame High School of Quincy, 7-0, in the season finale. The loss marked the second year in a row that an ISD team has dropped its final game after winning the previous eight straight. Last year it was Galva High School that upset the Tigers. Front row, left to right: Ray Higdon, Ted Schultz, Jim Smudzinski, Don Phelps, Bob Hammack, Theron Robert, Bill Zachariasen, Bill Reno. Back row: Coach Jim Spink, Bob Benson, Jim Apple, Lyle Cullison, Milos Marijan, Paul Mehring, Asst. Coach Bill Merris.

others have ever seen. His ball handling is par excellence and many a time our opponents never knew who had the ball until it was too late to bother. That's how Johnny Popovich and our other backs broke loose for long runs so often. Also he is a master of the optional play, especially when running alongside Popovich and Larry Jones. He has been tabbed by many officials and coaches in this area as one of the best players they have ever seen and possibly the best ever produced by this school.

A beautiful broken-field runner, during the first half of the year, he literally ran wild, scoring almost at will (just as he does in basketball). One of his unusual skills was pitching laterals to Popovich or Jones at the last split second before he was downed. He called his own number on very few occasions and these usually when a long gain was needed, and he invariably made it. If not for his injury, who knows how many tallies he would have made? A master signal-caller, he quickly sized up the opponent's weakness and rarely did he make a poor call.

He is also a scoring threat, a triple-threat man. How many quarterbacks equal the 110 points made by Buemi in eight games?

On defense, it's hard to find better. Opposing quarterbacks fear him. For example, in the Ohio game, he came through the line like a flash and intercepted a hand-off from the Ohio quarterback and went for a touch-down. He has thrown opposing backs for many a loss and as a linebacker he was always there when needed.

Since the quarterback in our formation is an ineligible receiver, we use the spread so that Popovich becomes quarterback on some pass plays. In my three years as coach Buemi has missed only two passes and both were very poor. This year he had a badly pulled muscle and did not have full use of his right arm. Regardless, he continued to pull in passes—catching them with his one good arm. He is right handed, but threw two touchdown passes with his left. Seven of his eighteen touchdowns came on aeriels from Popovich, and to watch Charles snare a pass is to see poetry in motion.

Buemi in addition to all this is a good student. He recently made the honor roll and aspires to attend Gallaudet College.

Russell, playing in 10 games, became one of the two top scorers in deaf prep

history by registering 156 points. Ten years ago in 1947 Lee Montez of Texas scored 239 points in nine games, an all-time record.

Russell is the main reason why Coach Cecil B. Davis' Mississippi Bulldogs had a winning season the last four years. In those four seasons from 1953 to 1956 the Bulldogs won 25 games, lost 8 and tied 5. And in those four seasons Russell scored 52 touchdowns and 29 extra points for a total of 341 points.

Now we will let Lee Baker of the *Jackson Daily News* tell you about MSD's Mighty Joe Russell closing out his fabulous era as follows:

Mighty Joe Russell has completed his high school footballing in Mississippi and the sorrow that accompanies the end of a splendid era hangs heavy upon Mississippi School for the Deaf here in Jackson. It would be impossible for one player to mean more to his team than Mighty Joe has to MSD, and there's slim likelihood another like the Batesville blaster will ever again come that way.

For those who never saw Russell carrying an offense nigh onto singlehandedly, describing his greatness is impossible. Let it be said here that Joe Russell is the most outstanding athlete in the state—and would be even more magnificent with a team in the Big Eight Conference than he has been against Class B and BB clubs in the Capitol Conference.

Put Mighty Joe Russell in any backfield in the state—from Ocean Springs to Horn Lake, Natchez to Iuke—and somebody would have to get out because that boy would be playing. His strength of course is phenomenal—three state shot put championships attest to that. His speed, for a 220 plus pounder, is the really surprising thing. When a tackler meets Joe head on, once Russell has geared up, that tackler is left for dead.

Bulldog Coach Cecil Davis will be left with his memories and the thought that Mighty Joe still has basketball and track seasons left before departing. (Last year Joe was the MVP of the Mason-Dixon schools for the deaf

cagefest and won the national deaf discus title for the third consecutive year.)

The International Games for the Deaf come up next August in Milan, Italy, and Joe is scheduled to make the trip with Charles Johnson, MSD's talented pole vaulter and high jumper. This trip to Europe, if the lads have to make it by boat, probably would keep Russell from being able to participate in next year's all-star football game.

Certainly it should be hoped that enough contributions come along that Russell and Johnson can fly over, because it will not be true all-star representation if Mighty Joe isn't out on the field with the other stars. (To date over two thousand dollars have been raised for Russell and Johnson.—Ed.)

Joe Russell was one of sixty high school football stars from 12 southern states named to the 37th annual all-southern prep squad chosen by coaches and sports writers. The selection board included 132 sports writers and coaches who were assisted by 10 scouts in each state.

As we see it, there was no alternative. West Virginia's Charley Buemi and Mississippi's Mighty Joe Russell, the two best backs to come along in the same year, are our choices for Co-Players of the year 1956. Each will receive THE SILENT WORKER trophy.

We recall an afternoon about three o'clock at Muscle Beach, Santa Monica, Calif., the fourth Sunday in August 1955. We asked Coach Don Bullock about his football fortunes at WVSD. He told us, quote, "Watch West Virginia in 1956!"

How true, for his 1956 edition is the nation's No. 1 club and completed the best eight game football season in the history of the school, and that includes the '51 club which was rated second best in the country. Take a gander at the scores and you'll see what we mean:

WVSD	Opp.
18—Petersburg High School	31
40—Southern High School	6
38—Franklin High School	0
52—Circleville High School	0
46—American School for Deaf	6
13—Ridgeley High School	7
45—Ohio School for Deaf	0
46—Pennsylvania School for Deaf	13

298

63

Well, now, you may ask about that losing effort in the opener. Coach Bullock's Lions had only seven days of practice, and only three of them scrimmage. Another week of practice and it would have been a different story. 18 of that 31 came in the first quarter, and then West Virginia outscored Petersburg the last three quarters. We also noted that the Lions outgained Petersburg 269 to 219 on the ground and 108 to 93 passing. Their total was 377 to their 309. They were penalized 60 yards to their 20. So, except for a bad first quarter, the lack of practice, and a few breaks, West Virginia might have gone undefeated and untied.

Keyser High School, the state Class A champ, is from the district where the West Virginia school is located, and according to newspaper clippings, everyone there, officials and coaches, think WVSD could take Keyser without too much difficulty. Keyser had a perfect season in eleven games, defeating three of WVSD's opponents—Ridgeley, 20-0; Southern, 18-0, and Petersburg, 18-13.

Here are the Lions' final grid statistics for eight games:

WVSD	Opp.
Total first downs	106
First downs rushing	76
First downs passing	30
First downs penalty	0
Passes attempted	100
Passes completed	55
Passes intercepted by	12
Net yards passing gained	1,084
Net yards rushing gained	2,436
Total net yards gained	3,520
Number of fumbles	13
Fumbles recovered	8
Number of punts	4
Average length of punts	39.3
Touchdowns	46
Touchdowns, rushing	27
Touchdowns, passing	17
Touchdown, fumble	0

Big Sammy Oates was better than ever and powered this 1956 edition of Texas School for the Deaf Rangers to another highly successful season with a 6-1-1 record, which is rated fourth best in the nation. Front row, left to right: Larry Smith, Mont Frazier, Roger Spivey, George Aguilar, Jerry Smith, Sammy Oates (25), Edwin Easley. Second row: T. D. Richburg, Carl Long, James Goolshy, Robert Powell, Robert Whitworth, John Carrillo, Rey Cavazos. Third row: David Gomez, Ronnie Williams, Joe Arrington, Donnie Tomlin, James Dosier, Simon Capetillo, Wilkie Broussard. Top row: Asst. Coach Bert Poss, Mgr. Jimmy Brookes, Dwain Dube, Deniz Fewell, Philip Bushong, Dwaine Seely, Mgr. Mario Montalvo, Head Coach Ray Butler.

Point after touchdowns 22 3
Yards penalized 480 115
Besides the fabulous feat of Charley Buemi, West Virginia had two other great backs in Johnny Popovich and Larry Jones.

Buemi gets the snap from center, No. 35 takes the handoff, Vernon Devericks takes care of two linemen, then in a flash Johnny Popovich is off tackle to the promised land. Johnny, 6 feet and all of 206 pounds, tallied 89 points to take runner-up in the area scoring race on 14 touchdowns, only one of which was via the air lanes, and 5 points after the touchdowns by kicking four placements and plunging over once. Nearly all of these touchdown jaunts were long ones through enemy secondaries, leaving a horde of tacklers and would-be tacklers in his wake. Several of these sprints were at least 70 yards long and more than half covered 40 yards. He had his best season in four years of play. As a fitting climax to close out his high school gridiron days, Popovich, a triple-threat fullback who can run, pass and kick, was awarded a backfield berth on the All-Potomac Valley Conference first team. His passing was the envy of many a rival coach as he completed 65 per cent of his tosses while watching 13 of them go for TDs. According to our scouts Johnny could go places with any high school team in the country.

Larry "First Down" Jones deserves mention here. Playing his first year of varsity football, Larry quickly won the affection of the whole school. Standing 6-0 and weighing 200 pounds, this sometimes shy fifteen-year-old served notice

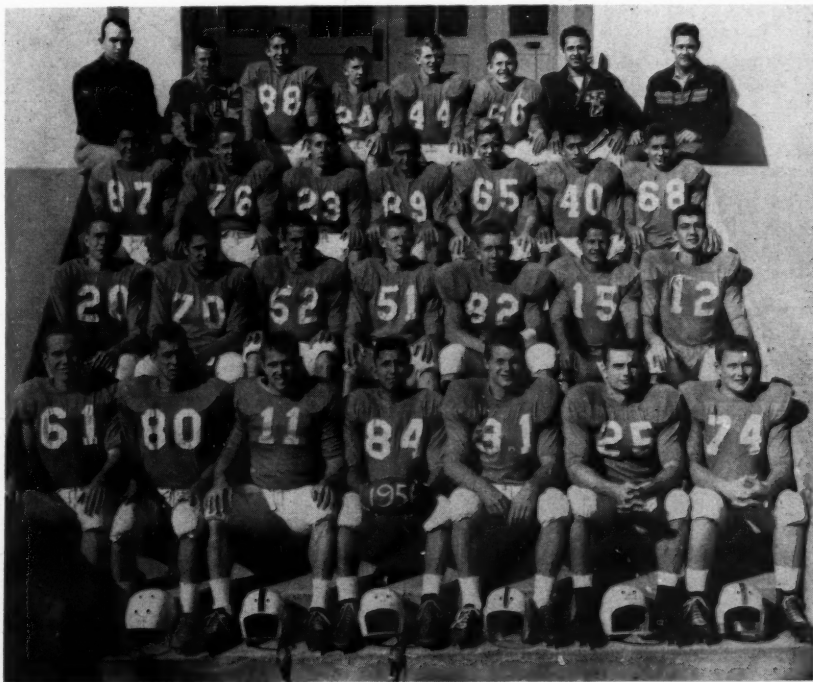
of future greatness. He rushed through opposing lines like a Sherman tank and whenever a first down was needed, Larry would get it. He scored 42 points to rank among the first ten in the area scoring race and played excellent defensive ball.

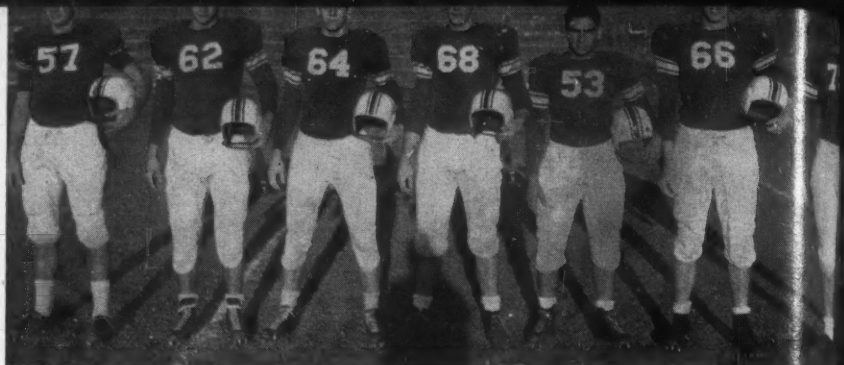
So much has been written about the feats of Buemi, Popovich, and Jones that one fact has been overlooked—these three Lion lads operated behind a terrific line.

The line was big and emphasized speed, maneuverability and pursuit. The linemen held their opponents to only 32 points in the last seven games after losing the opener. The standouts were Eugene Smith, a 6-5 giant end, and Vernon "Stonewall" Devericks, a 195-pound block of granite.

Smith, playing his last year for the Blue and Gold, was easily one of the most outstanding ends in the Romney area. Ranked among the top ten scorers with 52 markers, Big Gene was instrumental in adding up the 1,084 yards gained passing. Defensively he was also a standout, knocking down many an enemy toss that might have gone for touchdowns. He was also selected on the second All-Potomac Valley Eleven.

Devericks was one of the most feared linemen, and probably the most improved player on Coach Bullock's outfit. Time and time again when opposing backs were stopped cold or thrown for a loss it was that big 77 that stopped them. When Popovich, Buemi, or Jones broke loose and only one key block was needed to pave the way, it was usually 77 that loomed into view to do the





Coach John Kubis' freshmen and sophomore studded eleven representing North Carolina School for the Deaf had a record to be admired. The Bears improved with every game and wound up with a 5-3 record and No. 3 in the nation. They have the nation's longest win streak — 18 — which later was tied by the Fanwood gridders. Above are the backs at left and the rest of the offensive team at right. Left to right: Homer Fox, rlb; Gary Greenwood, qb; Tommy Lindsey, fb; Bill Williams, lhb; Charles Pless, re; Ronnie Spivey, rt; Clyde Moore, rg; Webb Matthews, c; George Pierce, lg; Donald Core, lt; Tommy Johnson, le. Only Lindsey is a senior.

job. Coach Bullock said, "One could not help but wonder at times if we were illegally permitting two or three boys to use the same number. A close look always indicated there was only one."

This was Coach Don Bullock's third season at West Virginia after two years of rebuilding.

When Bullock stepped in as head coach in 1954, the Lions' football fortunes were in a sorry state. They had not won a single game in two years.

His team then rebounded from another winless 1954 record to a 2-6 mark for '55, and then it regained its position among the nation's elite.

Prior to joining the Romney staff, Bullock played for Gallaudet College, where he graduated in 1954.

In the limelight of success, Bullock gives credit to his new assistant coach, William Dean Swaim, and players. Both grid mentors were classmates at both California School for the Deaf at Berkeley and Gallaudet College. After leaving Gallaudet, Swaim assisted Nate Lahn at the Iowa School for two years. The coaches worked together like a team. As for the players, the seniors worked like eager sophomores and the freshmen and sophomores came through like veterans.

For putting West Virginia back on the national map again after four years in the doldrums with only two wins in 30 games, Don Bullock is our choice for School for the Deaf Football Coach of the Year for 1956. Our California hats are off to you, friend Don, for a job well done.

Coach Jim Spink's Illinois School for the Deaf Tigers, defending national champions the past two years, had another great season, but are rated the second best club in the country.

If the Tigers did not have to play their final or ninth game of the year, they would have completed two successive perfect seasons.

As it stands Coach Spink's gridders can console themselves with the thought that they have lost only two games in 18 contests in the last two years.

The recent season Notre Dame high

school of Quincy prevented ISD from posting its first undefeated season since 1928. Notre Dame won 7-0 in the third quarter in ISD's final game.

Last year Galva high school proved the spoiler, upsetting the ISD boys in the final game of the season, 14-7.

The Tigers won eight and lost one

during the 1956 gridiron campaign, scored a total of 227 points while holding their opponents to 58 points.

Coach Spink, who doesn't believe in running up a score against an opposing team, used his second team almost as much as he did the first team throughout the season. These substitutions had

Kruger's 21st All-America Team

First Team					
Pos.	Player and School	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Class
E	Sam Pert, Florida	18	5-9	140	Senior
E	Eugene Smith, West Virginia	18	6-5	190	Senior
T	Ted Schultz, Illinois	17	6-2	205	Junior
T	Stanley Rudnicki, American	19	6-0	215	Senior
G	Kenneth Johnson, Alabama	19	6-1	175	Senior
G	Dee Haptonstall, Colorado	18	6-0	175	Senior
C	Don Phelps, Illinois	18	5-9	185	Senior
B	Charles Buemi, West Virginia	18	6-1	175	Senior
B	Sammy Oates, Texas	17	5-10	200	Junior
B	Jerry Berlowitz, New York	19	5-7	170	Senior
B	Paul Mehring, Illinois	18	5-10	170	Junior
B	Johnny Popovich, West Virginia	18	6-0	206	Senior
B	Joe Russell, Mississippi	19	6-0	225	Senior
Second Team					
E	Charles Johnson, Mississippi	19	6-4	170	Senior
E	Tommy Johnson, North Carolina	18	5-11	195	Junior
T	Vernon Divericks, West Va.	18	6-1	195	Junior
T	Jim Port, Washington	19	6-0	190	Senior
G	Donald Shelly, Indiana	18	6-0	190	Senior
G	Larry Smith, Texas	18	6-0	160	Senior
C	Glen Mueller, Missouri	17	6-0	175	Junior
B	Lavory Killian, Tennessee	19	5-6	140	Senior
B	Bill Evans, Wisconsin	19	5-11	180	Senior
B	Granville Currier, Virginia	16	5-9	195	Junior
B	James Styn, Michigan	18	5-10	180	Senior
Third Team					
E	Carl Anderson, Michigan	17	5-11	166	Junior
E	Stan Helgeson, Wisconsin	19	6-4	180	Senior
T	Bill Zachariasen, Illinois	18	6-2	217	Senior
T	Donald Spivey, North Carolina	17	6-0	182	Soph.
G	Paul Hetrick, Ohio	17	5-8	172	Soph.
G	Gary Clark, Florida	18	6-0	190	Senior
C	Teddy Bender, Ohio	18	6-1	196	Junior
B	Eddie Lanig, Missouri	19	5-9	160	Senior
B	Clyde Heurtin, Louisiana	16	5-10	170	Soph.
B	Bob Benson, Illinois	18	5-9	165	Junior
B	William Jennette, New York	18	5-7	165	Junior

SPECIAL MENTION: Jerry Smith, 190lb. soph. hb, Tex.; Larry Jones, 200 frosh hb. W. Va.; Joseph Syrakawski, 175 jr. t, N.Y.; Thomas Johnston, 142 qb, Mt. Airy.

HONORABLE MENTION: To departing seniors: Grant Young, t, Amer.; Billy Sager, t, Va.; Bob Grumm, qb, Mich.; Arnold Kruse, t, Iowa; Dennis Wernimont, qb, Iowa; Anthony Callies, e, Minn.; Jimmy Mills, hb, Minn.; Tonny Lindsey, fb, N.C.; Jim Kelly, hb, Ala.; Milton Saunders fb, Ga.; Donald McGain, e, Ark.; Tommy Slaton, hb, Miss.; Bob Tammack and Theron Robert, g, Ill., and Milos Marijan, Illinois' kicking specialist.

definite effects on the total points the Tigers scored and some individual averages for the first team players.

Although ISD missed its A-1 quarterback, Al Duncan, very much, it didn't seem to slow down its attack very much. This may be due to the fact that its line was bigger and most of them had another year's experience. A pair of tackles that weigh over two hundred pounds apiece in the persons of Ted Schultz (205, 6-2) and Bill Zachariasen (217, 6-2) had been immovable against the opposition.

Don Phelps, best known for his "rock 'em, sock 'em" tactics as an offensive center and defensive linebacker, had an even greater year than he did last year. The 185 pound Roxana, Ill. product received praises from opposing team and coaches for his razor sharp blocking and deadly tackling. He also called the offensive and defensive moves as he did last year.

There are three other boys in the rugged line who deserve mention. They are Bob Hammack, 202 pound, 6-1, guard; Theron Robert, 165 pound, 6-0, guard, and Ray Higdon, 170 pound end.

These six Spinkmen limited rivals in nine games to an average gain of 2.4 yards per play on 648 yards gained in 266 attempts. Only Higdon and Schultz are juniors, while four other linemen are seniors.

All season long, however, it was the running ability of halfbacks Paul Meh-

ring and Bob Benson that sparked the ISD attack.

Mehring, a junior, is one of the finest backs ever to perform at the Jacksonville school. Paul picked up 739 yards in 71 attempts, an average gain of 10.8 yards a crack. He opened the season by returning the opening kickoff 95 yards against Greenfield high school and went on to score 67 points for the season for a total of 73, 15 more points than the opposition scored. Besides being a good pass defender and an offensive threat, Mehring was equally good on defense as he led the team in unassisted tackles with 43 and recovered two fumbles.

Another junior, Benson, formed the second half of the ISD's one-two punch in its offensive attack. Bob scored a total of 72 points, one less point than Mehring. He gained 462 yards in 54 tries for an 8.56 average.

Mehring now has finished his third varsity year with total gains of 1,624 yards to his credit. For the three seasons he has averaged 9.28 yards every time he was called on to carry the ball.

As we see it the 1956 edition of Spinkmen is as good as last year's. This is shown by the way the Tigers stacked up in various newspaper all-state football picks. ISD placed four boys on four different polls. It had boys placed on Little All-State first team, All-Southern Illinois first team and special commendation, which is better than honorable mention. Mehring is the lad who was selected to the first team Little All-State by the *Chicago American*, while Schultz had the honor of being named to the first team Little All-Southern. Others who were named on various polls were Phelps and Benson.

Milos Marijan, a 180-pound senior fullback, deserves special mention here. He was ISD's kicking specialist. He booted the ball through the uprights for the PAT about twenty times during the season. His excellent punting, averaging fifty yards, saved the Tigers much embarrassment in the Notre Dame game, which was a tight defensive struggle. Notre Dame won on a 20 yard pass play.

This was Jim Spink's sixth season at ISD and marked the first season for his assistant, Bill Merris, a graduate of Illinois college, who handled the duties as line coach. Spink's six-year coaching record is 40-12.

Now take a peek at the 1956 record of the ISD eleven:

ISD	Opp.
28—Greenfield High School	13
20—Carrollton High School	6
34—Mt. Sterling High School	6
20—Iowa School for the Deaf	0
33—Missouri School for the Deaf	7
35—Knoxville High School	7
26—Wisconsin School for the Deaf	12
31—Kansas School for the Deaf	0
0—Notre Dame High School	7
227	58



Clyde Heurtin, Louisiana School for the Deaf sensational sophomore back, who became the third member of the 1000-yard Club in the Baton Rouge area. He joined Zachary's Joe Babin and Opelousas' Randy Brown as high school gridders who personally gained more than 1,000 yards in the 1956 season. Heurtin, LSD's main offensive weapon, gained 1,408 yards from scrimmage, completed passes for 305 yards, and scored 83 points in eight games. A 5-foot 10-inch 170-pounder, Clyde is only 16 years old.

The North Carolina Bears with a five-won-three-lost record were a group of good footballers and are rated third best in the nation.

NCSU played a rugged schedule with a team composed almost entirely of freshmen and sophomores. The way the eleven developed from game to game is a tribute to the coaching genius of John Kubis. His team operated with the precision of a college team, and when we say team, we mean team. That is why it has been difficult to single out individual players. NCSU functions as a team first, last, and always.

For this hard-hitting varsity the accent is on youth. Only fullback Tommy Lindsey is a senior. It boasted four freshmen—End Charles Pless, Guard Clyde Moore, Center Webb Matthews, and Tackle George Pierce. The four sophomores who made the club were Tackle Ronnie Spivey, Quarterback Gary Greenwood, Halfback Homer Fox, and Guard Clint Thomas. The juniors are Center Terry Dillon, Tackle Donald Core, End Tommy Johnson, and Halfback Billy Williams.

The Bears' losses were to two Class AA powerhouses, Appalachian High School of Boone and Cool Springs High School of Forest City; and to one of

1956 Sectional Ratings

East					
	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp.
West Virginia	7	1	0	298	63
Virginia	4	5	1	187	129
Fanwood (N.Y.)	6	0	1	244	113
Mt. Airy (Pa.)	1	7	1	135	257
Amer. (Conn.)	4	3	0	118	124
Central					
Illinois	8	1	0	227	58
Michigan	6	1	1	137	55
Ohio	3	3	1	73	122
Wisconsin	2	5	0	84	113
Indiana	2	6	0	91	201
Kentucky	0	4	0	14	104
Midwest					
Missouri	4	2	0	101	59
Iowa	1	5	0	24	127
Kansas	1	6	0	27	129
Minnesota	4	3	0	74	113
Southeast					
North Carolina	5	3	0	180	111
Alabama	4	3	1	149	107
Florida	3	4	2	159	170
Tennessee	3	6	0	117	241
So. Carolina	1	5	0		
Georgia	2	5	0	98	96
Southwest					
Texas	6	1	1	216	125
Mississippi	6	2	2	215	131
Louisiana	2	6	0	121	221
Arkansas	0	9	0	52	294
Far west					
Colorado	4	3	0		
Washington	5	1	2	109	53
California	0	6	0	18	227
Riverside	0	3	0	7	90

the top Class A teams in the state, Glen Alpine High School, which advanced to the semi-finals of the state Class A playoffs where it dropped a 32-33 decision to Mebane High School. Two of them could have gone either way, but Forest City just was too much for NCSD.

Against school for the deaf teams, the Bears have had field days. No school for the deaf team in the South since 1951 can hold a candle to the Bears.

The backs were the biggest Coach Kubis has ever had, led by Greenwood, who tipped the beam at 170. All four of them had the power of a fullback, whereas Fox and Williams were as shifty and as fast as they come. Greenwood played as if the QB position had been invented for him.

Kubis cannot really evaluate his line. They were all boys who could and did go both ways. Spivey (182, 6-0) and Pierce (158, 5-7) were perhaps the most outstanding, but Matthews (180, 6-2), Thomas (165, 5-8) and Gore (185, 6-1) were not far behind. The flanks were manned by Johnson (195, 5-11) and Pless (170, 5-11). Johnson was an excellent defensive man and a dangerous pass receiver. Pless was a bang-up blocker and the No. 1 target for Greenwood's aeriels. He's an end of the "Crazy Legs" Hirsch type.

Flash . . .

Joe Russell on High School All-America

According to *Jackson (Miss.) Daily News*, dated January 10, 1957, Fullback Joe Russell of Mississippi School for the Deaf was honored by being named on the National High School All-America football squad selected by Wigwam Wisemen of America.

Sports writers representing 1,229 daily newspapers, sports announcers of 1,009 radio stations, 307 sports telecasters, 310 football game officials, and 123 college football talent scouts nominated a total of 2,555 senior high school players.

From this list, seven 12-man teams were selected and 649 others were given honorary mention. Russell made the FIFTH team.

Mose Simms, chairman of the football committee for Wigwam Wisemen, said it was the most representative team ever selected. He also announced that the 10th annual Prep All-America football classic would be played in Crump Stadium in Memphis, Tenn., late in August and that all players named to the first seven teams or the honorable mention list would be eligible to play.

Although the Bears did not blank any of their opponents, Kubis would still say it was a better defensive team than the 1955 team. Most of the points scored against them were the result of mistakes their first year men made. The line was rock-hard and the secondary was excellent. All of the boys were hard tacklers. An example of their defense is the Alabama game. Alabama managed only one first down against North Carolina, yet scored one touchdown.

Kubis lost fourteen boys from the undefeated 1955 team and had to work hard with the boys he had. They came along fine, though, and played excellent ball. Of all six years Kubis has been coaching at NCSD, he has never had a team with better balance or depth. Next year his boys should be even better, if they continue to improve as much as they have during the past season. They reached their peak against Tennessee in their last game of the season.

So, readers, this is our football story of the North Carolina Bears for 1956. Well, watch them next year. Below is the record:

NCSD	Opp.
18—Lowell High School	6
35—Cranberry High School	6
12—Appalachian High School	21
13—Alabama School for Deaf	6
6—Cool Springs High School	27
15—Glen Alpine High School	26
33—Florida School for Deaf	13
48—Tennessee School for Deaf	6

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North Carolina's first two wins over Lowell and Cranberry extended its win string to 18 straight, which set a new mark for the number of consecutive victories rolled up by a school for the deaf eleven. The old mark of 16 successive wins was held jointly by North Carolina and Tennessee.

This new record, however, was tied by Paul Kennedy's New York gridsters as they won six straight games during the 1956 campaign before they were tied by Mt. Airy 13-all, in their final game. They defeated Woodmere Academy 35-25; American School for the Deaf, 40-6; St. Lukes High School, 27-19; Stepinac High School "B," 41-12; Storm King High School, 47-19, and Ossining High School, 41-19.

The nation's No. 4 club is Texas School for the Deaf, coached by our old friend, Ray Butler.

TSD's deep and heavy 1955 gridders dwelt in sweet victory garden for nine straight wins before falling victim to injuries and the eventual state champion of the Southwest Academic League, Sacred Heart High School of Hallettsville, to post a remarkable 9-1 season record. The beefy line and half of the backfield finished up their eligibility via graduation or by reaching their 19th birth-

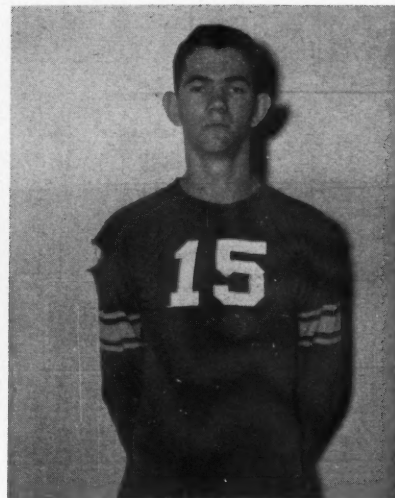
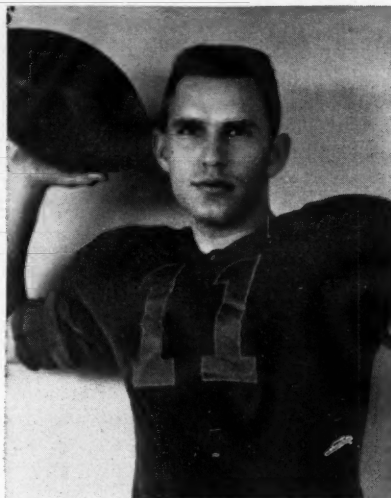
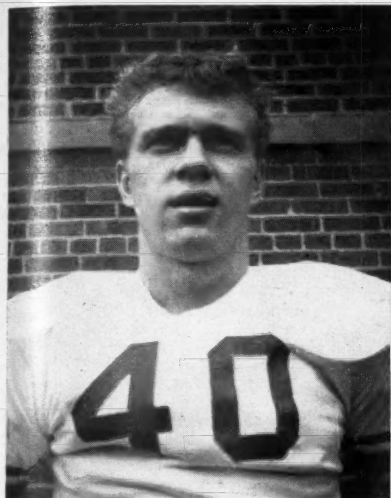
day. The departure of nine regulars at one and the same time made the 1956 outlook appear dim indeed.

Sammy Oates and Jerry Smith were the only two returning backs, but those two formed the nucleus of another fine team. The 1955 reserves stepped in, and bolstered by several hustling junior high "graduates," proceeded to win more than their share of ball games. The line was green but game, and the backfield carried the largest part of the load. The result was another fine season record of six wins, one tie and a single loss.

Greatest thrill and one of the greatest games Coach Butler has ever seen was the 39-31 victory over State Champion Sacred Heart in the season's finale, which was incidentally TSD's fifth straight homecoming victory. The Indians of Sacred Heart were boasting the defending state championship title and a phenomenal winning streak of twenty-seven consecutive victories over a period of three years. The Indians still went on to win the state playoffs since TSD had a tie game against it. For the fourth straight year, the TSD Rangers were District "bridesmaids." Three of those years, their single loss was to the eventual state champion.

Main reason for the successful season was the stupendously stellar offensive performance by Sammy Oates, 200 pound tailback, who at 17 could carry the ball on just about any college team around, and probably do it better than the current college players. His speed on the field, combined with his driving legs and deceptive footwork seemed unbelievable. He was easily the best back in central Texas. Many top officials opined that if they were a college coach, Sammy surely could play on their team.

Oates carried the ball on 96 runs, gained 1,032 yards for a 9.7 yard gain per carry. He passed 43 times, completing 26 tosses for a fine 60% average and a total of 620 yards and 5 touchdowns. He also caught a 13-yard pass for one touchdown. Incidentally, Sammy waltzed across the goal line with 16 touchdowns and one PAT. Those were hard-earned touchdowns, too. In a couple of games where the Rangers grabbed a quick lead, Oates was benched. He played only two minutes in one game, after returning the opening kickoff 81 yards for a TD and returning a punt 34 yards. In the St. Edwards game, the first five times Oates carried the ball, he scored touchdowns. He also scored the sixth TD to account for all of the six-pointers. Oates also was the giant killer in the final game against State Champion Sacred Heart as he scored three touchdowns after running over and stiff-arming Kristek a two-time all-stater. He caught an "impossible" pass from Rey Cavazos and ran 13 yards for his fourth tally. He



Above are three seniors who deserve to be pictured here. James Styn, Michigan's talented 5-ft. 10-in. 180-lb. fullback, who was top vote-getter for the All-Motor Valley Conference first team. Eddie Lanig of Missouri is only 5-ft. 9-in. and weighs but 160 lbs., but don't let the dimensions fool you for he was a fine leader of the finest MSD eleven in years. He's also MSD's basketball ace, and now he is to be watched during this cage season for he has bucketed 1,284 points in 52 games for an average of 24.7 points per contest during his first two years as a varsity player. Charles Johnson of Mississippi, who is 6 ft. 4 in. tall and weighs 170 lbs., was an excellent pass receiver and defensive man. He is also a talented pole vaulter and high jumper, and will represent the USA in the forthcoming International Games for the Deaf at Milan, Italy.

also tossed two touchdown passes. Sammy easily made the All-District and All-State first teams. When nominating Oates for All-State, Coach Bob Quitta of Sacred Heart made the statement that Sammy was the hardest running back he had ever seen in any high school anywhere. That is covering a lot of territory and a lot of football players. It just about sums up everybody else's opinion of TSD's International Games for the Deaf prospect, too.

Lots of credit must also be given to big burly sophomore Jerry Smith, who, in his own right, is quite a football player, but happens to be playing along with the sensational Oates. Jerry weighs in at 190 pounds of solid bone and muscle and performed as "Mr. Inside" while Oates was "Mr. Outside." The combination was quite effective, especially when spiced with some passes and the heady signal calling and snappy play of sophomore Rey Cavazos, who incidentally made the All-District and All-State first teams.

The only blot on TSD's record was the San Marcos debacle. Ankle-deep mud and injuries to five key players completely shackled the Rangers' attack as well as riddled their defense. The 32-0 defeat was the worst since way back in 1952 and the first time the Rangers had been held scoreless since Mississippi turned the trick in 1954. Last year TSD pasted a 35-7 defeat on San Marcos. Below is the 1956 record of the TSD Rangers:

TSD	Opp.
6—St. Mary's High School	6
31—Arkansas School for Deaf	6
41—Del Valle High School	12
20—Concordia High School	13

40—St. Edwards High School	19
0—San Marcos Academy	32
39—Gatesville High School	6
39—Sacred Heart High School	31

216 Mississippi is next and is rated the fifth best club in the country, mainly because of its Mighty Joe Russell. Its 1956 record is as follows:

MSD	Opp.
14—Redwood High School	26
22—Utica High School	33
32—Benton High School	6
10—Alabama School for Deaf	0
20—Raymond High School	20
33—Richtan High School	13
12—Louisiana School for Deaf	7
33—Flora High School	0
19—Byram High School	6
20—Alabama School for Deaf	20
(Lions Bowl Game)	

215 The next top teams in the rankings are as follows:

No. 6:—Alabama Warriors, who seemed to miss their last year's Player of the Year, Boyce Crocker. However, they had a rugged, tough and smart guard in Kenneth Johnson, who played sixty minutes of every game, both on defense and offense and averaged 17 tackles per game.

No. 7—Virginia Red Raiders, whose 1956 club with a four-won-five-lost-one-tied record, certainly was a better squad than that record indicates. They lost all five games to high schools in District 5. Coach T. Carlton Lewellyn deserves unbounded praise for developing a presentable team from such a small roster, the smallest in the school history. They had an all-around performer in Fullback Granville Carrier, who was the bulwark of the team. With-

out him the Raider football team would have been a name only. He was the unanimous choice for all-county fullback. He gained 1,118 yards in 10 games in 121 carries for a 9.8 average, and scored 12 TDs and 7 PAT for a total of 79 points. And he was able to pick up speed after only a few steps. He recently turned 17 and weighs 195 pounds.

No. 8—New York Golden Tornadoes, the only undefeated team in the nation. The tie with Mt. Airy in the final game was really a heart-breaker for if New York had won, it would have been the first school for the deaf in history to have had three consecutive perfect seasons. The game against Mt. Airy was played on a field of mud after it had rained for four straight days. New York scored two more TDs that were called back by the officials. The PAT was made twice only to have the official call it back each time. New York had a great back in Jerry Berlowitz and another fine back in William Jennette. Both made up a fairly powerful backfield that powered its way for considerable yardage. Up front Coach Paul Kennedy cited Tackle Joseph Syrakowski as his outstanding lineman.

No. 9—Louisiana Mustangs with Clyde Heurtin boasting an outstanding football record. While Louisiana was unable to match all of its grid opponents in weight, experience and scoring, most foes were hurt by Heurtin when they tangled with the Mustangs. That's Clyde Heurtin, sophomore double-threat tailback who spurred the Mustangs to two wins in eight starts against a predominantly District 8-B slate and who rushed his way into a berth with the top

ground gainers of the state. His running and passing averaged moving the ball twice the length of the field in every game while he scored 10.3 point per tilt. The 17-year-old, 5-8, 170-pound running whiz was just about the entire offense for LSD the past season. He raced off 1,408 yards on the ground and completed passes for 305 yards and two touchdowns. He was also regarded an excellent defensive player. LSD Coach John Shipman said several opposing mentors made a special point of coming over after a game to comment on Heurtin's brilliant play. The best is probably yet to come. Clyde was only in his second year with the varsity squad after playing two years with the junior eleven. At his present rate of development he can gain a lot of ground, score a pile of points and attract a lot of attention around the state before he hangs up his helmet after the 1958 season. According to enrollment, LSD is a Class C school as far as athletics are concerned, but since the division has no football, the school stepped up to Class B in order to participate in the sport.

No. 10—Michigan Tartars, whose only loss in Motor Valley Conference loop tilts was to Champion Mt. Morris St. Mary High School, 0-12. MSD's 1956 season record of 6 wins, one loss and one tie gave Coach Earl Roberts an overall record of 52 victories, 49 defeats and seven deadlocks in his 14-year coaching career at MSD. Roberts was surprised at the record which had MSD in a challenging spot in the first MVC race. He lost six regulars, and a lot of weight, from the 1955 club. He's more optimistic for the 1957 season since MSD has adopted a junior high school football program for the first time. MSD had three members on the No. 1 squad of Motor Valley Conference. They were Fullback Jimmy Styn and Quarterback Bobby Grumm, both seniors, and End Carl Anderson, a junior. Styn, by the way, was the top vote-getter.

GRID BRIEFS: Ohio is an up and coming team with young Leonard Peacock in his second year as grid mentor . . . Iowa had a good quarterback in Dennis Wernimont, but Iowa didn't have much to go with him so we don't know how good he could have been had he been playing with better boys . . . Mt. Airy was a well trained, smooth team, but too light . . . Arkansas seemed to be quite short on manpower . . . American had quite a heavy team but could not move quickly enough. However, it had a winning season for the first time since 1947, losing all three games to schools for the deaf . . . Kansas had an exceptionally green team, only two regulars from last year, but developed nicely as the season progressed

. . . Tennessee's record was disappointing. However, it had Lavery Killian, a speedy quarterback, who was good enough to be named on the first team of the City (Knoxville) Class A . . . Washington Terriers were rebuilding, having withdrawn from the Trico League for two years to do so. They played against high school junior varsity teams during the 1956 season . . . Florida was improving and had an all-around performer in Sam Pert . . . Colorado had a winning season, but should do better next year as its new coach, McKay Vernon, who formerly assisted Ray Butler at the Texas school, was changing the offensive pattern . . . Wisconsin had a fine back in Bill Evans, who scored 70 points, which was 14 points less than the total points scored by Wisconsin in seven games . . . Minnesota, too, had a winning season, but wasn't yet in the class with other schools for the deaf . . . California had a green team. However, it'll have all new kids for three more years, so should come up with something by 1958 . . . Riverside played only three games in its first year of football, but will play a full schedule next year . . . Indiana had kids who could play football, but every school in the Indianapolis area is getting bigger and Indiana is not. It has a coming All-American in Ed Blake, the 6-3 sophomore end . . . Georgia and South Carolina were always trying . . . Missouri had the finest season since 1939 with Eddie Lanig as its outstanding leader . . . And now take a peek at the scoring leaders above the 40-point mark below:

G TD PAT Pts.

Joe Russell, fb, Miss.	10	24	12	156
Charles Buemi, qb, W. Va.	8	18	2	110
Sammy Oates, hb, Tex.	8	16	1	97
Johnny Popovich, fb, W. Va.	8	14	5	89
Clyde Heurtin, hb, La.	8	13	5	83
Jerry Berlowitz, fb, N.Y.	7	12	8	80
Granville Currier, fb, Va.	10	12	7	79
William Jennette, hb, N.Y.	7	11	9	75
Sam Pert, e and hb, Fla.	9	12	1	73
Paul Mehring, hb, Ill.	9	12	1	73
Bob Benson, hb, Ill.	9	12	0	72
Bill Evans, hb, Wis.	7	9	7	70
James Styn, fb, Mich.	8	10	1	61
Jim Kelly, hb, Ala.	8	8	10	58
Eugene Smith, e, W. V.	8	7	10	52
Charles Pless, e, N.C.	8	8	2	50
Thomas Jonathon, qb, Pa.	9	7	4	46
Arvin Thomas, qb, Wash.	8	7	2	44
Rey Cavazos, qb, Tex.	8	7	1	43
Homer Fox, hb, N.C.	8	7	1	43
Lavery Killian, hb, Tenn.	9	7	0	42
Larry Jones, hb, W. Va.	8	7	0	42

Two upsets featured 30 interschool for the deaf games played during the 1956 season. Mt. Airy recorded the biggest upset by tying New York, 12-all, while Ohio surprised favored Michigan by tying it, 6-all. Below are results of 30 such contests:

East

New York 40, American 6
West Virginia 6, American 6
Mt. Airy 19, American 0

New York 13, Mt. Airy 13 (tie)
West Virginia 46, Mt. Airy 13

Central

Ohio 18, Kentucky 6
Michigan 19, Wisconsin 13
Michigan 6, Ohio 6 (tie)
Illinois 26, Wisconsin 12

Midwest

Missouri 35, Kansas 8
Kansas 12, Minnesota 0
Iowa 12, Kansas 0

Southeast

So. Carolina 19, No. Carolina "B" 12
Florida 26, So. Carolina 20
No. Carolina 33, Florida 13
Alabama 34, Tennessee 6
No. Carolina 48, Tennessee 6
No. Carolina 13, Alabama 6

Southwest

Texas 31, Arkansas 6
Mississippi 12, Louisiana 7

Intersectional

Illinois 31, Kansas 0
Illinois 20, Iowa 0
Illinois 33, Missouri 7
Wisconsin 19, Minnesota 0
West Virginia 45, Ohio 0
Tennessee 21, Kentucky 0
Virginia 53, So. Carolina 0
Alabama 34, Arkansas 0
Mississippi 10, Alabama 0
Mississippi 20, Alabama 20 (tie)

Before we relegate the 1956 football season to the archives we'd like to throw a few bouquets to school for the deaf grid mentors. It was through their wonderful cooperation that we were able to present this 21st annual football story. We certainly appreciate it.

To the deaf prep standouts who were honored and the coaches for their contributions to the game and their work with our citizens of tomorrow, THE SILENT WORKER extends its sincere congratulations.

Flash . . .

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American School Housemother Sets Example

By Sam D. Taylor, M. Ed.

The American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Connecticut

I FIRST BECAME aware of the activities of the subject of this sketch one stormy winter's morning. With my car stuck in a snowdrift half-way up the front driveway at the American School for the Deaf and facing the necessity of plodding some fifty yards through the snow to get to my teaching job, I was considerably startled to meet a young lady, with a briefcase, all bundled up and wading determinedly in the opposite direction toward North Main Street.

Such unseemly ambition intrigued me. "Where on earth are you going on such a day?" I asked.

"Well, I'm going to class on the bus. My car's stuck, too, and I simply can't miss today's recitation. Come on along if you wish!" she invited.

That's when I remembered having heard that Miss Geraldine Coughlin—Jerry for short—had been attending Hillyer College part time while carrying out her duties as housemother of intermediate boys. I decided to find out more about her new interest. Somehow the last few yards of drifted snow didn't seem so hard for me to cover, after meeting her.

Jerry was reluctant to say much, except that she'd never had the chance to further her education after graduating from the Malone, New York, School for the Deaf shortly before it closed. She had once inquired about going to Galaudet, but was discouraged by the authorities there because she was doing a fine job as a housemother at Malone, and it was then at the height of the depression. People were holding on to their jobs in those days. But she determined she'd make up for it some time.

It was nice working in Malone. What she liked especially was being near her folks. Her father owned Malone's leading independent drugstore and most of her friends were in that neighborhood, so that there wasn't much incentive to pull up stakes.

Then came World War II, and as the Malone School had been closed, she decided to see how she could best contribute to the downfall of Adolph Hitler, Emperor Hirohito and other lesser enemies of the U.S.A. and secured a job in one of the defense factories in Hartford.

Hartford, Connecticut, was being boomed as "the Akron of World War II" as far as the deaf defense workers were concerned. They flocked in by the dozens every week and quickly found places in the Hartford war plants. Hartford is still noted for its production of airplane engines and hundreds of other

manufactured metal wares and many deaf are still employed there.

With her unusually pleasant and outgoing personality, Jerry soon had scores of friends among the nicer element. Her contacts through her church also helped. Naturally, she gravitated toward the American School on many occasions. Various social affairs to aid war fund drives were held at the school, and Jerry soon became acquainted with many of the school's deaf and hearing teachers and houseparents.

Down in a concrete bunker in Berlin, Germany, Herr Hitler pulled the trigger of a revolver aimed at himself. A little later a mushroom-shaped cloud thundered up in the Japanese sky. All at once Jerry and thousands of others like her found themselves reading little pink slips received in their pay envelopes "Your services are no longer required."

V.J. Day had arrived.

Well, she needed a rest, any way. But before taking a train for Malone, Jerry decided to make inquiries at 139 North Main Street and ended up with a job as Primary boys' housemother at the American School starting the following fall.

She held this for three years, then took a "breather" to travel over much of Europe with her mother and sister during the Holy Year of 1950, including a pilgrimage to the Vatican, the Oberammergau Passion Play and Lourdes.

On their return, Jerry couldn't stay away from her first love—working with deaf children. The Rochester School made her an offer and there she remained until her mother asked her to travel again over the U.S. this time—a delayed "See American First." She then inquired about returning to the

American School, and was taken up on it immediately, this time as intermediate boys' housemother.

Jerry soon decided to do something about furthering her education. It had been a long time since she'd last been in a classroom as a pupil, and her graduation diploma wasn't up to high school level—but she decided to see about entering college any way.

She took the college entrance exam and passed. She then inquired further at Hillyer College in Hartford, which has an especially good rating in Connecticut for its education courses; many of them taught by top state department of Education personnel. She wanted to prepare for the possibility of ending up as a classroom teacher—as she admits with her fingers crossed.

It wasn't a snap—jumping from 8th grade into College freshmen work—especially with the years of no study in between. She came in for considerable ribbing for taking up the work so late, but that didn't bother her. She also found her hearing aid did not help much under college conditions.

She has been studying part time at Hillyer for over two years now. One obstacle to her obtaining a degree has been the refusal of Hillyer's modern language teachers to accept a deaf student, and another is her difficulty with advanced mathematics. But, degree or no degree, Geraldine Coughlin has gone a long way on the road of her ambition for self-improvement.

She has also been a competent, sympathetic, and dedicated housemother, a job in which her many talents have found wide expression. Her influence will be felt by many school generations of boys at their most impressionable age.

"Jerry" Coughlin and some of the boys at the American School.



I Hand You . . .

The ABC's of Talladega Little League Baseball

By Edna H. and Harry L. Baynes

"What!" wailed a defiant little voice. "Ball four, take your base," repeated Umpire Sunday School Teacher Beverly as he moved away a few paces.

"Why that ball cut the heart of the plate," the voice spluttered as the owner popped up from his crouching position behind the plate, whisked off his mask and cap with one practiced movement to display a mop of red hair and a freckled face and struck a belligerent pose.

"And they shall lead the blind," quipped the diminutive backstop as he tugged at the umpire's sleeve and seemed to lead him back to his position behind the plate.

"Play ball," droned the quite amused voice of Umpire Beverly as he donned his mask and play was resumed.

The above introduces you to the "A" part of the ABC's of Talladega, Alabama Little League baseball — Don Lee Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buel Arnold, both former students at the Alabama School for the Deaf, where Mr. Arnold was one of the Silent Warriors' greatest stars in both football and basketball a decade ago.

Don Lee was just past eight years old when he made the Civitans team and was so small that he could have used the shirt of his baseball uniform for a nightgown and the sight of him in uniform on opening night with his pants practically belted up to his shoulders and no end to the pants legs caused a ripple of laughter in the stands. However, Don had made the team and was undaunted.

Possessed with that fine competitive spirit so often displayed by his Dad, Don was playing quite regularly his second year out. That year he got in about half the games, playing mostly in the outfield and hitting around .275.

Before yet another year had passed Don decided he wanted to be a catcher and many were the days during the long winter months that he had his Dad out in the back yard throwing to him. When the opening game of the 1956 season finally rolled around, Don was behind the plate for his team and before the season was over was a permanent fixture there. He was tried on the mound towards the end of the season and won both the games he pitched.

His hitting, once he had learned not to try to knock the cover off the ball on every pitch that came his way, improved and he boosted his batting average to .301 for 20 games. His team won the

championship of the league this past season.

The "B" of the ABC's is Ronald Lawrence Baynes, known in Talladega and vicinity as "Ronnie." He is the offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Baynes, teachers at the Alabama School for the Deaf, where Dad Baynes also has filled in as coach for some 28 odd years.

It has been rumored that Ronnie was born with a baseball in his hand, had a miniature football for a teething ring and a baseball bat for a rattle, and that the very first words he spoke were "Ball, Ball" instead of the all-important "Da, Da."

With such a background and a true love for the game, it is not at all surprising that Ronnie, although only nine years old, should have no difficulty getting on the Lions team when Little League baseball was organized in Talladega in 1953.

Being a husky youngster with plenty of baseball savvy and playing ability, he was soon his team's regular catcher and as the season wore on was regarded as one of the league's best and steadiest receivers, with all base runners respecting his accurate throwing arm. Ronnie hit a robust .350 his freshman year and knew the thrill of hitting two home-runs.

The next three years saw him shine at shortstop, on the mound and behind the plate. His savvy, hitting, air-tight pitching, and versatile defensive play in the field helped his team win 34 straight games and two league championships and the runner-up spot the past year.

Ronnie has completed four years of LL play and next year moves up to the Babe Ruth League, leaving behind him a long string of records that probably will stand the test of time.

Records made or broken by him are:
Highest 4-year batting average —

.5215.

Highest batting average one season — .723 for 20 games in 1956.

Most home runs — 18. Eight in 1956.

Best pitching record — 19-0. 8-0 for 1956.

Most number of games played — 73.

Most intentional walks in one season — 39.

Most walks in one game — 5 (twice).

Most number of times on All-Star team — 4 straight years.

Most games won for Talladega in District tournament — 2-0.

First and only Talladega pitcher to



The ABC's of Talladega Little League baseball. Left to right: Don Lee Arnold, Ronald Lawrence Baynes, and Jasper Eugene Clark, who have been playing stellar L.L. Baseball 'way down in Dixie Land.

win in District tournament — Both games were 2 hitters.

Made best record of any pitcher in 1956 District tournament — allowed 2 hits, walked one, hit one batter, and struck out 15 (6-inning game).

Has highest RBI but records not available.

Does anyone wonder that Dad Baynes dreams of witnessing quite a few World Series games — at the expense of the front office of some major league team?

The "C" of the ABC's stands for Clark — Jasper Eugene — son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark, Jr. Mr. Clark teaches baking at the Alabama School.

Jasper's first attempt at Little League baseball ended in failure when he did not survive the first squad cut. Rather small and delicate looking, Casper won his second chance on pure determination and hard work. From the day he was dropped from the team, Jasper did two things — he stayed at the table a little longer, and practiced every chance he got.

When the 1955 season started, Jasper, although still sparsely filling a uniform, had a nice assortment of curves and plenty of self confidence. These two assets combined soon had him playing regular ball for the Exchange team. He has been their leading pitcher ever since with a 5-2 record for the first year and a 4-1 for the season just finished.

Jasper while woefully light with the willow is unusually reliable with ducks on the pond and is an exceptionally good fielder, holding down the hot corner spot when not pitching.

Tuck these ABC's — Arnold, Baynes, Clark — in the pigeonholes of your memory for you are bound to hear more of these boys in later years.

With the Foreign Deaf...

By Paul Lange

We see from the *Deutsche Gehorlosen Zeitung* that Lottie Reich of Munich spent some time during the early summer at Atlantic City, N. J., and that Alexis Albrecht of Cologne vacationed in New York City, Washington, and Miami, Florida.

The Swiss "Messenger" speaks of a doubly handicapped Swiss deaf sculptor with one hand, Nicole Schmitz, a former pupil of the Geneva school for the deaf, who does very fine work.

On the Island of Capri in the Gulf of Naples there is a deaf man who cannot be distinguished from the natives, but many years ago was a famous exotic dancer on the stage of Berlin, by the name of Spiegel. He appeared in exotic temple dances, ancient cult dances of Japan, China, and India. He had acquired these dances as the playmate of a Japanese prince in Munich and appeared on the stage with Harold Kreuzberg, one of the most famous German dancers and pupil of the dancing master Terpis. In his prime he appeared at Paris, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Brussels, Nice, and Rome. Now he lives in retirement at the age of 65 in Capri. His home is filled with many mementos of his eventful life. Only seldom does he show visitors through his home and give them an insight into his peculiar yet successful life.

The order for a massive silver gold plated plaque for Dr. Heuss, president of the German Republic, was awarded to a deaf gold and silversmith, Ludwig Kleeberger of Nuremberg, one of the foremost designers of jewelry and silverware in his country. The plaque was to be presented to Dr. Heuss upon the dedication of a new high school for social sciences at Nuremberg.

Charles Eyck, who was installed last fall as the head of the Art Department of the Jan Van Eyck Academy at Maastricht, Holland, lost his hearing from an inflammation of the inner ear as a boy. His father was a poor shoemaker, so Charles had to learn to read and write by himself. Later he learned to paint and won a prize for an exhibit in Rome in 1922. Though he is totally deaf and can not speak very well, he was elected by his colleagues last summer.

The National Association of the Deaf of Spain have extended an invitation to the deaf of other countries of Europe to a gathering of the deaf in Madrid during June of this year. Interesting entertainment is being promised.

QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on

Parliamentary Procedure

By Edwin M. Hazel

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February, 1957

"Ignorance of the law excuses no man." — Proverb

Q. A club of which I am a member holds monthly meetings. The election of officers, according to the bylaws, was to be held at the November meeting. Our officers were elected, but the secretary-elect was out of town and when notified of his election, sent word of his inability to serve. A vacancy is supposed to be filled by the Board of Directors, but the Chair insisted it was unfinished election! Puzzled. I think the Chair was wrong in this. What was the proper procedure?

A. I believe your Chair was right, because according to Robert's Rules of Order, an election is not completed until the officers are notified of their election and accept the office. You claim your secretary-elect was out of town. Therefore, your election was unfinished. An adjourned meeting should be called for the purpose of finishing the election. If this is impossible, the election of a secretary will then have to be held at the next regular meeting. However, it is unwise to elect a member to an office *without his consent in advance*.

Q. A club desires to confer an honorary degree upon the former secretary who resigned from membership of the club last year. She lives out of town, but visits the club at intervals. Please advise what action should be taken and what would be her duties? — *Art. J.*

A. A provision in the bylaws of your club *must* specify the possibility of conferring an honorary degree upon a person, member or officer. If not a member of the club, an honorary member would have no duties to perform. She would have the privilege of discussing questions but no voice (make motions or vote) at meetings. It usually requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to confer an honorary degree.

Q. Our club, affiliated with the state Association of the Deaf, is entitled to vote three delegates to the state convention. A majority vote by ballots elects. At a previous meeting there were nine nominees and the club had difficulty securing an election. So, a motion was made and passed to accept as delegates the nominees receiving the highest number of votes. Was this procedure correct?

A. NO. Your bylaws require election to be by ballot and by a majority vote.

Your only way was to stick to balloting until three nominees were elected by a majority vote. "A plurality never elects except by virtue of a rule to that effect." — Robert. So, why not amend your bylaws to permit election to be taken by a plurality after two or three efforts? In other words, make a special rule that after say two efforts, the three nominees receiving the largest number of votes to be elected. That would be a satisfactory method of electing delegates.

Q. Is the quorum for a special meeting or an adjourned meeting the same as for a regular meeting?

A. Yes unless you wish to make them different, your bylaws should designate them.

Q. Has a candidate for an office a right to speak for himself after nominations are closed prior to the election?

A. Yes. A general parliamentary rule is that debate is always in order unless there is a definite rule prohibiting it. There is no limit to the number of members who may desire to speak. However, it is seldom advisable to speak advocating the election of a well known candidate in *small* assemblies. Furthermore, in many hearing organizations, debate, discussion and speeches about nominees are not in order unless the society has a rule or custom to the effect that nominating or seconding speeches are permissible. Remember, no derogatory remarks about any of the candidates are in order. Avoid personalities.

Q. Last fall I happened to be in a city where a club held a business meeting at that time. Took the opportunity of visiting this meeting. Incidentally, I saw a motion being made and passed to prevent female members from voting on sports matters, because sports belong to men's pastimes. I was surprised and puzzled. I was told both female and male members pay same dues. What do you think of that procedure? — *PRG.*

A. The Chair should have ruled it out of order, because both women and men are equally active members and pay dues alike. Therefore, they should have equal voice in club business.

Q. Is it secretary's duty to read the proposed amendments to the By-laws? — *ALW.*

A. It is customary for the chairman of the law committee or other member of the committee to read the proposed amendments.

Schools for the Deaf

R. K. Holcomb

The Nebraska School

By Charles J. Falk

EDUCATION OF THE DEAF in Nebraska had its inception in 1867 when the Territorial Legislature approved an act organizing and incorporating the Nebraska Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. However, due to a lack of an appropriation, the school did not commence its operations until the first day of April 1869. Prior to the year 1867, the Territorial Legislature had provided for the education of the Nebraska deaf, regardless of age, by transporting them at the territory's expense to the Iowa School for the Deaf, then at Iowa City.

Before Nebraska became a state, the first movement toward the establishment of a school for the deaf was made in 1867 by Rev. H. W. Kuhns, the first Lutheran minister in Omaha. While serving as a member of the Omaha school board, he was approached by Mr. Calhoun, who had a deaf daughter, with the request that he use his influence to have her educated at home. Rev. Kuhns got other citizens interested in the project and the result was the passage of the act by the Legislature providing for a school to be located within three miles of the city of Omaha. When appropriations became available, the Board of Trustees with Rev. Kuhns on it as its secretary rented a house in the vicinity of 20th and Leavenworth Streets. Thus, the school had its start in a hollow place in the center of the then straggling village of Omaha. The location is now a part of the business district of Omaha.

To head the school, the board appointed Mr. William M. French, a deaf man and a product of the Indiana School. Mr. French's sister, Mrs. Jeanie Wilson, was appointed matron. Little Catherine Calhoun was enrolled as the first pupil. The first report of the

Nebraska School for the Deaf says: "Other children came tardily at first. Parents could not spare them; and some could not afford the expense for such clothing as deemed needful. The Institution was new and untried, but gradually the number of pupils increased until there were thirteen."

As the school grew, the Board of Trustees held a meeting to ask for bids for grounds on which to erect the institution. Twenty acres were offered gratis near South Omaha and another twenty-three at the location of the present site. The board looked over both sites and selected the latter, which was donated by a Mr. James Bonner. A dirt road which later became Bedford Avenue ran along the north side of the grounds and was the only thoroughfare from the heart of the town.

The building authorized by the Legislature in 1869 was completed in 1871 and occupied in January 1872. The building is now the north wing of what is used for the administration. Professor R. H. Kinney, an experienced teacher from the Ohio school and his wife succeeded Mr. French and his sister as Principal and Matron respectively in 1871. Mr. F. L. Reid, a graduate of Gallaudet College, then the National College for Deaf Mutes, was one of the two new instructors hired. To him many of the early pupils owe much of their material progress. He was instrumental in sending the first pupil from this school, Charles Collins, to Gallaudet College.

In 1878, Mr. J. A. Gillespie took up the duties of principalship of the institution. The new principal proved to be an energetic one whose commanding personality and leadership in the nineteen ensuing years left their marks on the

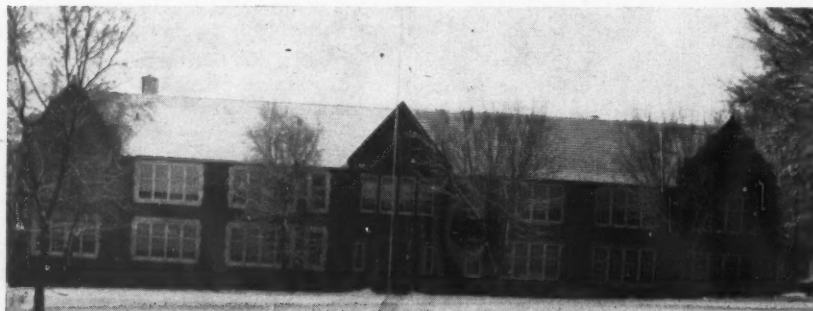


J. W. JACKSON

school for years to come. During his tenure in office, the school grew rapidly in enrollment and size. The enrollment grew from 52 in 1877 to 130 in 1881. A south wing to house the boys was built in 1878, then a main building connecting the two wings in 1881. The first graduation exercises were held in 1887, and the one and only graduate that year was Ella M. Rudd. After attending Gallaudet College, she returned to teach at the Nebraska school for seven years. An industrial building and another building in 1888 to contain the dining room, kitchen, storerooms and play rooms were built. Two other buildings, one to furnish living quarters for the elder boys and an eight-room brick veneer hospital were built. The latter was put up in 1892 by the boys themselves under their instructor in carpentry at a cost of only \$1,326.25.

Many visitors have noted that the Nebraska school stands with its back to the main thoroughfare to town, 45th Street, on the west. This is due to the fact that in the early days, that is, about 1870, when the Board had selected this site for a school, the only thoroughfare to and from town was what is now Bedford Avenue on the north side, and, too, it was generally believed that 42nd Street on the east side would in the distant future be the through street to and from the city. Forty-fifth street was not opened until 1887, so to this day the main building stands looking the wrong way. However, before 1958 rolls in, we expect to replace the wrong way building with a new administration building.

In 1897 Mr. H. E. Dawes of Lincoln, Nebraska, became head of the institution. During his administration, the title of principal was discarded and the title of superintendent substituted. Mr.



Academic School Building, Nebraska School for the Deaf.

Dawes' daughter (Mrs. Rachel Dawes Davis) is remembered in the profession as a teacher of the deaf for many years. In 1899 during Mr. Dawes' tenure of office, a new school house was erected. In 1901 Mr. Dawes retired and Mr. R. E. Stewart, a former teacher at the Nebraska school, then on the teaching staff of the Iowa school was appointed superintendent. He held the position until 1907. Mr. C. E. White, a teacher in the Minnesota school, was then appointed superintendent. It was during Mr. White's administration that the state legislature after a number of requests in the past passed an act changing the name of the institution from "The Nebraska Institute for the Deaf and Dumb" to the "Nebraska School for the Deaf." After two years' reign White left to accept a similar position in the Kansas school. Mr. Stewart again filled the vacancy.

In 1909, through Superintendent C. E. White, an appropriation of \$50,000 was passed by the Legislature for a new structure. It was during Mr. Stewart's administration that it was in the process of erection. This building contains a spacious auditorium and a gymnasium with a balcony all around it.

In 1911 Mr. Frank W. Booth, then Superintendent of the Volta Bureau at Washington, D.C., and editor of the Association Review, became superintendent. He served in that capacity for twenty-five years.

In 1913 an appropriation of \$60,000 was made providing a building for primary children. It was occupied in the fall of 1915. The old south wing vacated by the primary children was then used to house the older boys, since the older boys' cottage was demolished after being damaged by fire early in 1914.

A building program got under way in 1929 with the erection of the first unit of a new school house. This was followed in 1930 by a Vocational Arts building and a power plant. The old school house, industrial building and power house were torn down as soon as the new buildings were put into use. The west campus took on a new look after extensive landscaping. A laundry was built in 1931 and a boys' dormitory to house all the boys in 1932. The former Primary Hall in 1937 was converted into a dormitory for all the girls.

In the fall of 1930 our athletic field near the east end of the school grounds was named Booth Field in honor of Superintendent Booth in token of his love of clean sports; his untiring efforts in behalf of the student body; and his friendship and devotion to the deaf of Nebraska.

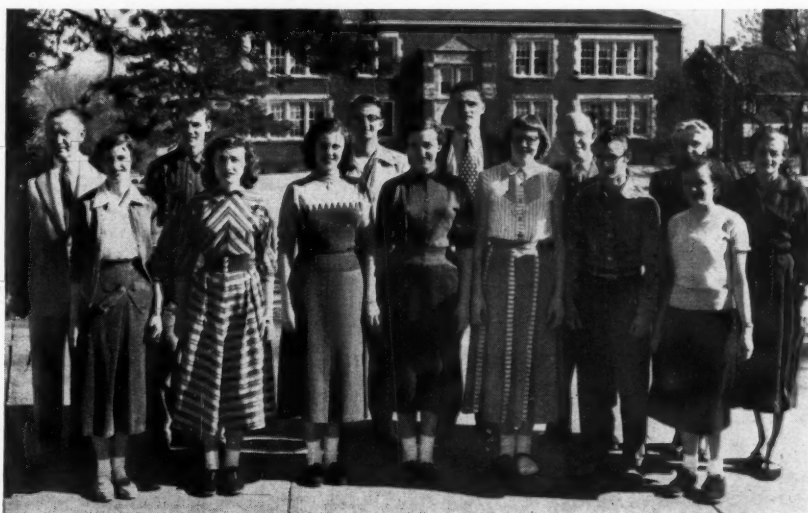
In 1936 Dr. F. W. Booth (Dartmouth College had honored him with a doctor-

ate a few years previously) retired and was succeeded by Mr. Jesse W. Jackson. Mr. Jackson, after graduating from the Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kansas, first entered service at the Nebraska school as instructor in vocational arts and physical education in 1912. He remained until 1918 when he resigned to enter business as an architect, and later as a past time, an instructor of architecture at the Municipal University of Omaha. In 1924 he became instructor in architecture and was head of the physical education department at the newly built North High in Omaha.

Mr. Jackson, now in the 20th year of his administration can look back to a number of accomplishments. He has been successful in training and placing a large number of Nebraska deaf in various lines of work in Omaha. A number of up-to-date techniques have



Nebraska graduates in Gallaudet College in 1955-56. Front, Lois Duesman, Verne Taylor, Alice Longee. Rear, Agnes Dunn, Herbert Larson, Vivian Barker.



Nebraska School Student Council.



1953 Pep Squad boosted Nebraska teams.

been effected so as to make the work of the school more efficient. In 1954 the second and final unit of the school house was built, thus bringing all academic classes under one roof. Plans have been advanced to start demolishing the four wings of the administration building. Within the next two years a new administration building will stand by the site now occupied by the older wings.

The enrollment of the Nebraska school started with thirteen pupils in 1869 and grew slowly at first. When the school became better known, it began to grow steadily. In 1900 it reached about 180 and remained more or less at that figure for a number of years. The peak was reached during the five years preceding 1940 when the enrollment was around the 200 mark. Since that time it has somewhat declined. At present it is just under 170. As of October 1954, 1722 pupils have received instruction and 430 have graduated. Ninety-six have been sent to Gallaudet College.

The curriculum of the school embraces as nearly as possible the subjects taught in common schools, since the state course of study is used as a guide. The curriculum of the school has been adapted to the individual need of the individual pupil, with the main objective of helping him to become a useful and self-sustaining person in society.

Every child is given an opportunity to learn speech and lip reading. Continual effort is made to encourage and promote speech. All children are given an audiometric test periodically and group hearing aids are used to assist in speech correction in addition to the development of hearing understanding. In addition to this, many individual sets are in use, furnished by parents. The school has ten individual aids and ten group sets in use, in order to give individuals a thorough test before recommending purchase of an aid.

Courses in vocational training, health, and citizenship building activities are taught. Scholarship and citizenship are

emphasized in the point system of the program which determines the annual individual award winners. A great deal of use is made of our moving picture machines and the delineascope (an opaque projector for still pictures). Many Yale films on American history were purchased and used. Sunday school lessons are supplemented by means of these two instruments of visual education.

An extra-curricular program for the children is carefully planned and sponsored by competent persons. The older boys and girls are members of a Teen-Age Club and meet in their club rooms where they have TV programs and other activities. The events that are much looked forward to are the Girl's Annual Dance and the Boys' Annual Dance. The boys vie with the girls to make each party the gayest and the most beautiful. Each party is carefully planned and supervised not only to create fun, but to initiate into the lives of the participants an adequate response to formal and proper etiquette and an appreciation for beauty. Other organizations include a Literary Society, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Orange and Black Club, and Student Council. The religious education of the pupils is carried out in Sunday school classes. Some go to churches of their own choice. Representatives of various denominations, who visit the school occasionally, conduct special services.

The physical education program includes, besides competitive sports such as six-man football, basketball and track, classes in physical training and swimming. Our school is a member of the Nebraska High School Athletic Association and is classified as a Class D school since we have less than thirty-five boys in our high school department. Our association with other high schools in competitive sports has always been pleasant and profitable. Probably the greatest achievement in athletics in the history of the school so far was when after a request to move into Class A competition in the state tournament was granted, we won all games and captured the State Class A championship in basketball in 1931.

The Nebraska people look with pride and appreciation at their State School for the Deaf. They are assured that the deaf children of the state are in good hands. They know that the object and aims of the school are being carried out in the best possible manner. They are proud of their deaf citizens who meet the realities of life well adjusted and well educated.

Boy Scouts. NSD has one eagle scout and two more coming up. Below are the Girl Scouts.



MANUALLY SPEAKING . . . By Max N. Mossel

Tenth in a Series

For those who like to sift the sands of the past for some unknown find, we present this question: What was likely to be the first initialized sign adopted in the early American manual communication?

It is only fair to admit unequivocally that nobody knows the answer for sure. By deduction (intuition granted on a feminine request), we may be able to pinpoint one of the first initialized signs, if not the very first.

We have observed that since many of the present day signs are not initialized such as eat, tired, sleep, hungry, home, could, under, cow, milk, with, etc., we can rightly conclude that the early signs were nothing more than natural gestures and pantomime. It had

to be this way to satisfy ordinary communication needs within the limits of the available education. We also have to remember that Laurent Clerc, a Frenchman himself, was learning the English language all along, and of course, anglicization of the signs could not have taken place from the very beginning.

(For the information of readers who came in late, Laurent Clerc was a teacher brought from France by Dr. T. H. Gallaudet to teach in the first school for the deaf in America, and through him our sign language came from France.—Ed.)

Now, what could be the first initialized sign? Water? Not likely when the French word is *l'eau*: a gesture of taking a cup to the mouth was more likely. Church? Doubtful, as they probably said "prayer house." Pink? No, the original sign could conceivably be "light red." Lazy? That came later on.

Already on the ropes? Well, we just cannot resist giving the answer right away. It is, we believe, the pronoun "I."

Our reasoning is based on a faint recollection that the French deaf used to, and still do, point to the breast with the little finger of the I hand (actually the J hand, to get ahead of the story.) Obviously, the only way in the language of gestures to indicate the first person (whether I or me) is to point to the breast. That is the universal sign used by the deaf and the hearing alike. The French, for a grammatical purpose, improved on this pointing by using the little finger of the J hand in speaking of *je*, their equivalent of the pronoun *I*.

That Laurent Clerc himself initialized the pronoun according to the English language is only a conjecture, but at any rate, we can safely assume this

"favorite" pronoun, used day in and day out, almost certainly came to be the first to be initialized.

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In today's installment, we are taking up *ago*, *past*, *last*, and *was* which are signed all alike. While Fig. 1 is an illustration of the basic sign, we do not intend to dictate the correct usage. Some sign the way shown, extended thumb touching the shoulder once or twice. Others have the finger tips touch the shoulder once or twice. Either way is acceptable by reason of mass usage.

To understand the need for initialization, consider yourself a small fry with a limited knowledge of language. You would find it easier to translate "a month ago" than "last month" if *ago* should be the dominant word. With *last* as a dominant word as it actually is, you would be inclined to write (translate), "a month last" or "last month." By initializing *last* (Fig. 2), *ago* no longer becomes the dominant word.

For the same reason, *past* (Fig. 3) should be initialized to prevent a strong fixation to *ago*. *Was* (Fig. 4) can be initialized when—and only when—something in the distant past is referred to. The example is: "When I was (ago) a little boy . . ." rather than "I was (ago) sick yesterday." Just spell out *was* in the latter case.

To sign *last*, touch the shoulder either with the thumb of the L hand, as shown, or with the finger tip of the same hand, if you like. In *past*, the finger tip, joined by the thumb of the P hand, similarly touches the shoulder. The finger tips of the W hand in *was* (were) touch the shoulder in the same way as shown.



Fig. 1. AGO (Basic). Two ways.



Fig. 2. LAST. Two ways



Fig. 3. PAST.



Fig. 4. WAS, WERE. (In sense of distant past.)

The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Believe it or not, we are going to miss this deadline by just a few days breadth all because our good friend, Dr. Richard Brill, saw fit to remember us in our old age with another fine paper. We pass it on to you with the sincere belief that you will find it interesting.

Dr. Brill wrote us this: "I think this article would be appropriate for your department rather than the religious section because I regard myself as an edu-

cator and was asked to speak as an educator."

We wish we had more pals (pen or typewriter) such as Dr. Brill. We would have fewer gray hairs and our bald spot would not look so conspicuous. Consider this a very broad hint, please.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Brill for his article, and for helping us out to help you. — *WTG*

The Relationship Between the School for the Deaf and the Church

by Richard G. Brill, Ed.D.,

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(Address at 8th Anniversary Banquet of Los Angeles Baptist Church for the Deaf, October 13, 1956)

Rev. Hower, Ladies and Gentlemen, I feel greatly honored to have been asked to speak to you upon this occasion of your 8th Anniversary Banquet, and I assure you that both Mrs. Brill and I are very happy to be here.

If I were to take a text for my remarks this evening, I think it would be, "Man Does Not Live by Bread Alone." Our schools, and the people in our schools, realize this; but perhaps the biggest part of our formal work with our pupils is concerned with the skills which will help the pupil to earn his daily bread. We know that there are other things that are important too, but we cannot give all the time to them that we would like to.

In our country we have many denominations and we have many churches. I think that these denominations and these churches, for the most part, have more than one goal. Generally, each one has several goals. In addition, these denominations and churches differ, one from the other, in that they frequently have different roads by which to reach these goals.

Perhaps we can think of it in terms of a trip by automobile to the east coast. One family may take a trip to the east coast and they will want to be sure to visit Chicago, Washington and New York, and they will take the road which will take them through those three cities. Another family may take a different road because they want to visit St. Louis, Washington and New York. Still another family may go via New Orleans, Atlanta, Washington and New York, and still another family go to Washington, New York, Boston and Detroit.

You will notice that while these families have some different goals, all of them have two cities that are the same goals. In this story each family wants to visit both Washington and New York, as well as some other cities, on their trip. Because of the other cities they

want to visit, each one is taking a different road.

I believe that churches are similar in that some of them have different goals but in many cases, certain goals are the same for all, just as New York and Washington are the same goals for all of these families.

Not only do the various churches have somewhat the same goals, but our schools have somewhat the same goals as the churches in particular fields. I can think of three important areas where the objectives of all churches and all schools are about the same. The first of these is in the area of building character. All schools and all churches agree on the importance of teaching people honesty, truthfulness, and things of this nature which are all included in the idea of character.

Secondly, I think that all churches, and even most all schools, believe in the importance of an emphasis on the spiritual side of life. All people at one time or another stop to reflect on what it is that really makes life worth while. It is easy to think that the person who has the most money, the biggest house, and the most expensive automobile, is going to be the happiest person. Oftentimes we run our lives as though this were true. Actually, most of us have learned that this is not true. We know that successful families are those families in which the people love one another, and work together for the happiness and success of each one in the group. This brings happiness to most people rather than merely the acquiring of money. There is something intangible here which we may call spiritual and which churches and schools are trying to teach.

A third point in common concerns itself with the *why* of life. All of us at one time or another wonder why we are here. We wonder whether our lives have any significance. We wonder whether there is any life after this life

on earth. Different churches have different answers to this question. But all churches are helping their individuals to try to find an answer to these questions and, in an indirect way, the schools are trying to help people to find the answers also. The schools are trying to help people learn to live a happy and adjusted life. It isn't possible for a person to live a happy and adjusted life if an individual is going to be constantly afraid of the unknown. Thus both education and faith can help a person live a life without fear and one which is worth while.

Religion through the churches helps to emphasize the spiritual side of life, and helps us to find answers to these *why* questions which satisfy us, and it helps to build character. Deaf people as a group certainly don't differ from other people, and have as great a need in these areas of character, spiritual life, and faith as do others. However, I think that it is probably more difficult to meet the needs of deaf people in these areas because the general education of deaf people has, for the most part, been tied to the material and to the practical side of life. We know that when the deaf child comes to us early in school and has no language, that to teach him the English language and teach him speech, we have to start with what is here, and we have to teach him in regard to things that he can touch, and see, and do. When a child has so little language that he doesn't even know his own name, or the word for the bed in which he sleeps, or for the milk which he drinks, it is these kinds of things which we have to start to work with. As long as knowledge of the English language is limited, it is very difficult to get beyond the practical and the concrete things, into the abstract.

These areas of character, spiritual life, and faith are all in the abstract. Thus, they are much more difficult to teach, and the school needs the help of the church and the church needs the help of the school in these areas. The school tries, not only in the classroom, but in its total program in the dormitory, on the playground and athletic fields, and in the dining room, to be teaching in these areas. This is particularly true in the area of character and the realization of the importance of gaining happiness through helping of others. But teaching in these areas is a never-ending job. Formal school life of our children has to stop by the time they reach the age of 20. The teachings in these areas must continue, both so that we will understand better and so that we will not forget what we have learned. So the church is particularly important to the adult who is no longer associated with the school, and it is important for a child to begin to

learn the areas in which the church can be of help to him.

I firmly believe in the principle of separation of Church and State, as is the practice and the law in this country. As the result of this law, it means that I cannot force my religious views on you or on your children. It also means that you cannot force your religious views on me or on my children. Nevertheless, the church and the school can complement each other and work together to help people achieve a life that helps people to not only benefit from the material things of life but to help people to live happy lives, significant lives, and what is most important, helps people to live with themselves.

So like the families that are taking the different roads to the same cities, the school and the church should continue to work together to reach many of the same goals.

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Sifting the Sands . . .

By Roger M. Falberg

I shall speak here and now — and forever hold my peace. Never again will I write about my own past in Sifting the Sands. It is too close; it hurts too much to tell about the ruination of the first 16 years of my life.

I'm not a qualified educator. I cannot discuss with high-toned phrases the ins and outs of child psychology as it concerns the deaf. I only know that as a child I used to think I was the only deaf boy in the world — and the only life I knew was oralism.

Oralism . . . I shall use that word here as little as possible, for to me it does not mean the same as it does to the day school educator. To him it means a higher level of education, and teaching the deaf to speak and read lips with amazing accuracy. I do not agree, of course, but I shall not pretend to know more than the esteemed educator. I shall merely turn back the pages of time and tell what oralism meant to me.

Loneliness.

That's all it ever was, and all it ever will be — to me.

Stark, staring, tearing loneliness.

Could I speak? Sure — pretty well. But I never did me much good where it counted, deep down inside. Could I read lips? Oh, I got by. But I was no seventh wonder. Even today my wife, taught in the Ohio State School, does better than I most of the time. Was I well educated? They passed me — year after year — but if any of those teachers had really been worth their sheepskins, they'd have flunked me and sent me to the state school before I was out of short pants! My folks, fed on oralist propaganda, would have felt disgraced; my lip-reading teacher would have been mortified, but I, the guinea-pig, would have been far, far better off.

I doubt if I need to explain here what I mean by loneliness. Surely, everyone knows how cruel children can be to the child who is "different" in some way or another. They jeer at the child who is wealthy, sneer at the poor boy's clothes and throw mud at the sissies. Then, in time, the rich child learns democracy, the pauper betters himself, and the coward rears up and fights back.

But the deaf child never learns to hear.

You see, I wasn't in a day school class with other deaf and hard-of-hearing children. I was the "great experiment," the deaf child "restored" to the hearing world attending public schools. My mother used to tell me to study hard or they'd send me to the state school — as if it were a terrible place that no one in his right mind would want to be caught dead in. My lip-reading teacher taught

day-school classes during the day, and twice a week I'd go to her home and recite after her the words I read on her lips.

She really laid it on thick, that woman did. She never tired of telling me and my parents how wonderful it was for me to be doing so well in school. I'll give her credit — she meant well, and thought she was doing the right thing. But nobody ever asked *me* what I wanted.

And what I wanted, more than anything else in the world, was a friend I could trust! Sure, I went with a bunch or two — or perhaps I would be more accurate to say that I tagged along at the tail end of a gang that was forever trying to get rid of me!

Dad died when I was 15 and in my first year of high school. Mother had to go to work in a clothing factory. She scraped together her pennies and bought me a hearing aid — about \$200 gone out the window. That salesman even kidded *me* into thinking the aid was helping me! I junked it during my first year at Gally and never wore it since.

A year or so later, mother and I were in pretty bad financial straits — and in my search for the comradeship that I had never known, I was hitting the skids, working in a bowling alley and hanging out in pool halls. I skipped school times without number — didn't show up for a single one of my final exams — and flunked every subject in my second year of high school. No, the "great experiment" didn't pan out so well, did it, dear lip-reading teacher?

Finally, about 12 years too late, I landed at the Wisconsin State School. Then Gally — where I guess I must have been Dean Fufeld's biggest headache.

After 2½ years there, I went AWOL, married the most wonderful girl in the world (and that's about the only thing I ever did that turned out right), and finally settled down. I'm certainly no paragon of virtue even now, but I'm very, very happy to be working and living with the people I understand and who understand me — the deaf.

So — you may ask — if things are fine now, why do I trouble you with mournful maundering over a wasted youth?

I'm "casting my bread upon the waters" in the sincere hope that this story will result in just *one* parent waking up to the light and sending just *one* child to a residential school for the deaf where he belongs — to bring the truth and the sign language into just *one* young life before it is too late! Amen.



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MONTANA . . .

Milton Miller is now working as a printer in Washington State. He stopped over in Great Falls for a short visit the end of November.

Mrs. Richard Mullins flew to Indiana the second week of November to be with her bed-ridden father. He passed away within a week after her return home to Great Falls, we are sorry to learn.

The Stork called on the Younggrens December 7th and left behind a baby boy, Rodney Duane. The Younggrens also have another boy, Kenneth, who was two years old December 17th.

Fulton Herbold bagged a four hundred pound cow Elk during November. Fulton says it took him less than an hour to find the elk and down it. Nice going!

Harold Brandt, alone since the death of Mrs. Brandt last August, has sold his home and is now living in an apartment.

Jean Anderson made a trip to Malta during November to visit the home folks and the Richard Mullins entertained a small gathering at a TV party the night of the presidential elections, November 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Iserloth, nee Charlotte Spoerl, moved to Black River Falls, Wisconsin, when Jay was transferred to a base there from Malmstrom Air Base in Great Falls. Before they left, they entertained at a party for their year-old daughter and among those bidden were Mrs. Robert LeMieux and daughter, Mrs. Newton Schular, Mrs. Richard Eide, and son, Mrs. Darwin Younggren and son, and several of Mrs. Iserloth's family.

The deaf women of the Lutheran parish in Great Falls served refreshments to the men members and children from the State School for the Deaf at Trinity Church late in November. Rev. Hauptmann presided at the tea, which was quite a nice social gathering.

Newton Shular's father passed away December 3rd and he and Mrs. Shular drove up to Butte for the funeral. We are very sorry, Newton.

Bob Brescheras has taken a six weeks training course in welding and now proudly displays a diploma from the Rocky Mountain College in Billings. Bob enjoyed the course and hopes to make use of his training later.

Walter Herbold's name is listed in the December issue of the Montana Motorist, a monthly publication of the Montana Automobile Association. The MAA has an honor roll system and members are placed on the roll if they get new members for the association by sending in nominations for prospective members or by selling them directly on the advantages of MAA membership. Walter is listed in 6th place on the 1956 Honor Roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Flakerud of Hoge-

land were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Haapalakso in Fortuna, North Dakota, recently and some two dozen friends were bidden to view films taken by the Flakeruds on their recent travels. Most of the guests came from Regina, Sask., Canada.

Mrs. Florence Sabins McCollum of Harlem recently visited the Minnesota School and was the guest of Mrs. Petra Howard during her stay. Mrs. McCollum used to teach domestic science at the school.

It was quite a gay gathering at the Richard Eides when they and the Art Millers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Younggren, Mr. and Mrs. Altop, and Mr. and Mrs. LeMieux at Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey and all that goes with it made for a pleasant holiday.

Also among recent visitors to our town and the Great Falls Club were Earl Rowland of North Dakota and Darrel Robinson of Idaho.

Miss Sophie Budech of Oakland, Calif., recently made a donation to the Montana Association of the Deaf in memory of Mary Bunnash, who passed away last summer. The Association gratefully acknowledges the donation.

MINNESOTA . . .

William L. Nelson, who has had a regular situation at the Minneapolis Tribune plant for several years, spent four days not long ago in San Francisco. He visited with his school mates of long ago, the Olaf Kviens and the Alfred Skogens. He didn't forget Ye Scribe—he sent him a card of the Cow Palace where the Republicans were holding their convention at that time. Does it mean that Willie is a Republican? He came both ways via air.

About 30 young girls attended a bridal shower at Thompson Hall in honor of Lorna Fenske Aug. 4. Her fiancé was none other than Burnell Rasmussen. They have since been married. Congrats to the young couple!

Over 14 golfers from the Twin Cities participated in the annual tournament of the Midwest Deaf Golf Association on Aug. 4-5 at Cambridge, Wis. It was the third largest delegation among the participants. The Milwaukee team edged out Minneapolis for top honors in scoring the lowest points. We are really proud of our redheaded Jack Kunz who finally copped the top prize after years of disappointment. Next year Des Moines will be the host.

Andrew E. Hartman, 87, Deephaven, passed away July 1. He had been a carpenter and contractor in the Lake Minnetonka area for 42 years. He was the father of Mrs. Genevieve Steinberg of Minneapolis and Mrs. Rose Crowe of Duluth. Besides them, a wife, a son and two other daughters survive him. Our sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Eugene Hunchas became the proud parents of a baby girl born on Aug. 5. Mary Ann is the name for the wee one. Happy parenthood!

Clarence Sharp of Los Angeles, Calif., was in the Twin Cities on business not long ago and after spending quite a time here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bick Winston, he returned home.

The Gerald Nygrens, after living in Brainerd for many years, pulled up stakes and moved here to Minneapolis. At present, Gerald is working in Hopkins, suburb of Minneapolis.

The Duane Rasmussens and their baby

dropped in at Thompson Hall one Saturday night not long ago from far up north — International Falls which is on the U.S.-Canadian border. That's where Ye Scribe used to live when he was a little boy — about the time he first attended the MSD.

Bruno Canossa of Duluth suffered an amputation of the baby finger and ring finger as a result of an accident at work some time ago. He was among those who showed up at the Frat picnic. Others from outside were Rad Davis, Lyman Conley, John Donfris, Lester Moe, Wesley Lauritsen, and Edwin Johnson. Rad and Lyman had not seen each other for 25 years, while Ye Scribe and Bruno had not seen each other for 20 years.

Friends of the George Pehlgrims, who now are living in Oakland, Calif., were happy to see them once more recently when the Pehlgrims spent their vacation here just briefly. They were in such a hurry that they barely said goodbye to everyone here. Come again!

Jerry Dartez came up from Macon, Ga., where he is working as a printer-operator, for his summer vacation last August. He was here before but he likes the Twin Cities so much that he couldn't pass it up. You're always welcome, Jerry!

Another visitor was James Bryant, coming from Pittsburgh, Pa. Ye Scribe was happy to hear that his old friends in Pittsburgh are doing well, thank you!

Len Sunder finally attained his goal — that of getting an ITU card at Mankato, Minn. He had acquired at least six years' experience and so he is entitled to the working card. It is believed that he is now employed at New Ulm, Minn.

Robert A. Dammann of Bismarck, N.D., dropped in at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune plant not long ago to find out about the working conditions here. He has a job at Bismarck, and he is seriously considering whether it is advisable to make the move.

Mrs. Ethel Thompson of Akron, Ohio, visited the Charles Vadnaises of White Bear Lake for a few days before she resumed her duties as a housemother at the Iowa School.

A housewarming party was staged by friends at the home of the John Marcottes of White Bear Lake several months ago. They received enough gifts to fill up the house.

TEXAS . . .

Not long ago we had the pleasure of meeting up with the first colored missionary to the deaf. Andrew Foster of Detroit, Michigan, on a trip around the Southern States, stopped off in Dallas for a few days and, besides establishing a class for the Colored Deaf here, also was able to preach a sermon to the white deaf at the First Baptist Church, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the local deaf who were fortunate enough to attend.

Andrew is one of the first if not the first deaf Negro to graduate from Gallaudet, and aspires to go to Africa to help establish more schools for the deaf there.

Another Missionary pair passed through our

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town but unfortunately we didn't get to meet them. They were Les and Juliet Hunt, Gospel Magicians from San Jose, California, who stopped by our house and had a talk with Gene Flo. We weren't home, being at work.

Many of her friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Hallea H. Stout, one of the most gifted of deaf poets, now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she is happily engaged in Church work for the deaf. If you wish to drop her a line her address is 128-L St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Not long ago, an Old Time A. & M. Football player, was talking to W. O. Barton Jr., President of the SWAAD, and accountant for the Clem Lumber Co. in Dallas, about a football game between A. & M. and the Texas School for the Deaf in Taylor, Texas, way back in 1900. Said the game was a tie, but couldn't remember the score. Also related that the deaf boys had an Indian, extremely fast, and told how A. & M. boys finally got him on the ground and the whole A. & M. squad jumped on him. Said then one of the big deaf linemen walked up and began to pick up the A. & M. players by the scuff of their necks, one in each hand, and banging their heads together. We can well believe this story, for the fast little Indian was none other than Joe J. Rendon, a tailor now residing in Laredo, Texas, and the big deaf lineman was the late Geo. Brooks, a 6 foot 6, 250 pounder who for years taught at the Texas School after graduating from the school and Gallaudet College. The boys used to tell me that when Geo. Brooks would thump them on the head with his index finger, it felt like someone hit them with a bat.

Right after the Christmas holidays, we noticed a card in one of our desk drawers and, taking it out, we found that it was our place card for the Graduation Day Banquet at the Texas School for the Deaf in the Spring of 1915. We were able, after 41 years, to decipher the signature of the following classmates and some of the teachers. We will try to tell you what has happened to them as we read off their names: Troy E. Hill; it was my place card, and as you all know I've been connected with politics in Dallas County for the past 37 years; Eli Jennings, married and now living in Laredo, Texas; Lee Edwards, last heard of in Fort Worth, Texas; Sudie Ivy, have no contact with her; Guthrie Williams, lives in Lubbock, Texas, typewriter repairman; Leoma Gerber, now Mrs. Burchardt, lives in Houston, Texas; Ivan Joslin, lives in Dallas, shoe repairman; Robert Lee Willingham, supposed to still live in Lampasas, Texas; Kenneth Eoff, resides in Fort Worth; Fee Griggs, deceased; Mary Clancy, married to Henry Feux, resides in New Orleans, La.; John Albert, retired shoe shop owner, lives in Denton; Pauline Patton, married to Walter E. Kadel, lives in Albany, N.Y.; Perry Lee Markus, married and lives in old home town of Lufkin, Texas; Hilda Urbantke, Supt. and Mrs. Gus Urbantke, still residing in Austin, Texas; Herman Gough, still resides in Denton, Texas; Robert K. Baird, lives in Detroit, Mich.; Rosa Lingnau, unable to recall this person, name not quite plain; Lillie Hamineck, also unknown to writer, possibly not correct name since bottom of card is very much smeared; Principal T. V. Archer and wife, both moved to Illinois, and both now deceased. Of all the members of the class we know of only one, Fee B. Griggs, who has passed on. A pretty good record, don't you think?

The Dallas Silent Club celebrated New Years with a double dance this year with some 250 being present at the dances held Saturday night, December 29 and Monday night, December 3. Another 100 or so attended a couple of Church parties that night.

The SWAAD this year has 13 clubs entered.

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The Silent Printer

By Ray F. Stallo

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Colton, California



It is said that the humble wasp was the medium for giving man the first clue to the manufacture of paper. For centuries, primitive man had carved hieroglyphics on stone, while following generations "wrote" on metal slabs, clay tablets, wax and animal skins. Then along came the paper wasp, which chews vegetable fibre to pulp to form its nest.

Ts'ai Lun, a Chinese minister, studied the habits of the wasp and in 105 A.D. successfully produced the first paper from bark and old linen. Unfortunately, the Chinese kept their secret for hundreds of years and it was not until the 12th century that the news reached Europe. Ts'ai Lun would be amazed at the importance of paper in the modern world.

We note via the graphic arts press that the printing industry in the San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley (California) area is second in total value of work produced in that area. It is surpassed only by the food processing industry and there are over four hundred printing establishments in the locality. Another odd piece of information is that over a century ago a paper mill in Marin County, California, used as its paper-making stock castoff clothing that was constantly being tossed into the streets of San Francisco.

Every so often we run across the idea of casting the most common words, such as the, an, of, to, as, in, and, etc., on one body or of combining them on one matrice in the interest of saving time. Here's the answer: It has often been tried. Some books were printed with these logotypes as long as 200 years ago. Later on, one John Walker, founder of the London Times, tried the plan, but abandoned it. In theory, it was O.K.; in practice, it was found to hinder rather than help the compositor.

We've just noted, too, that the Chicago Tribune has dropped its years-long campaign to get the public to adopt simplified spelling. No longer do you see the word "freight" spelled "frate" and "photograph" spelled "fotograph," among many others. Now that Col. Robert R. McCormick, for many years editor and publisher of the Tribune, is dead, so is the simplified spelling campaign.

Wonder how many of our Silent Printers can tell which is the largest newspaper in the world? We may think

that we lead in this field here in the United States just as we do in many other fields but the New York Daily News, our largest newspaper in the number of copies printed each day, is way down in eighth place among the world's great newspapers. The lead is held by the Mainichi Shimbun of Tokyo, Japan, with a daily press run of six million.

Here's the February installment of the Great National Amalgamated Directory of Silent Printers. In case any of you ladies would like to send them valentines we just might be persuaded to part with their addresses.

Vern Bruner, Printer 18 years in Chicago, Illinois. A product of the Missouri School for the Deaf but Brother Vern studied our art at the University of Chicago.

Obie A. Nunn, Linotype Operator on The Bulletin of Martinsville, Virginia. Brother Obie attended the Virginia School for the Deaf where the first type louse bit him.

Robert Taylor Reed, Linotype Operator in Alexandria, Virginia, with ten years experience. Brother Bob is also a product of the Virginia School for the Deaf.

W. H. Christian, Pressman at the Fleischhacker Paper Box Co., San Leandro, California. Brother Christian attended the Iowa School for the Deaf where he first got ink smudged.

William J. Royce, Linotype Operator on the San Mateo Times (California). Brother Bill is another Iowa School product where he also learned the trade.

In the 1480's, the 100-odd compositors, pressmen, binders, engravers and illuminators who worked for Anton Koherger, printer of Nuremberg, Germany, marched in formation—three times daily—to and from a common dining hall, located at a distance from the shop.

A well-known rock and roll singer who is currently the idol of teen-age femininity was booked for a personal appearance in our town not so long ago. However, the advance sale of tickets was so poor that the booking was cancelled. We are always modest but we must report that investigation showed that mere sideburns could in no wise compete with our luxuriant beard for feminine attraction.

SWinging . . .

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They are Austin, Dallas, Amarillo, Waco and San Antonio, Texas; Little Rock, Ark.; Alexandria and Baton Rouge, La.; Jackson, Miss.; Oklahoma City, Sulphur and Tulsa, Okla.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Frank and Beverly Sladek came home to Long Beach for the Christmas holidays and gave all of us a chance to renew the acquaintance of three-year-old Donna and welcome her little baby brother, David, who arrived September 19.

Also in town were Mr. Donovan, the Angel Acunas, and Tony Paplia. Reason, really, was the basketball game between the Tucson boys and Hollywood the evening of the 29th. Hollywood won, much to the consternation of those know-it-alls who were so confident that Tucson would win in a walk. Take it from us, Hollywood is really on the ball this season.

Lots of notes were found tucked in amongst our Christmas cards. Troy Hill wrote his usual newsy missive and Muriel Bishop of Atlanta also wrote promising to send in some news of Georgia for 1957. We knew before we opened the card from Virgie Fitzgerald that she would have us on the carpet once again for not enclosing a note in our card to her and Francis. Well, Virgie, how about sending in the news from Illinois now that Warshawsky is busy writing sports for Art Kruger? If you do, there just might be a letter with our card next year!

TOWN TALK: There'll be another addition to the Luna family of nearby Lynwood come autumn. Frank and Pat made the momentous announcement December 29th and we also learned the same evening that Darlene and Angel Acuna of Tucson will welcome a little one in June; Newest arrivals to the Southland are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Putnam of Springfield, Illinois, who are now making their home in Bellflower. The Putnams were out this way in 1945 and intended then to return to California to live but somehow they never managed until now. We are happy to have them; Art Krieger has been seen around quite often lately introducing folks to his new wife, the former Mary Bennett of St. Louis.

Glad to know you, Mary; Folks gathered at the Ross Bailey home December 22 to honor Faye's birthday and then gather at the Long Beach Club for dinner.

It was quite a crowd that descended upon Lil and Bob Skinner at their home in Gardena the afternoon of December 29 when Lil and Bob entertained at an Open House; Robert and Bernice Dunlap of Baldwin Park trekked up to Oakland over the New Year and had fun just dropping in on all their friends up there; John and Jerry Fail played host to a small gathering just prior to the holidays when Jerry threw her Annual Christmas Party.

Although it may be a bit early, Art Johnson, president of the Midwest Reunion of the Deaf, wants all and sundry to know that the group's annual gathering will take place June 23 with the location to be announced at a later date. The group is composed of former residents of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and the Dakotas although all friends are bidden a hearty welcome; David Ratliff of Long Beach and Miss Joyce Vogelsang will be married January 20th and Elliott Fromberg tells us that he did not get married last October as stated in this column last November. He was to take unto himself a bride in February.

Dan Miller of 648 Beach St., Costa Mesa, Calif., entered the Presbyterian Hoag Memorial Hospital December 5 for an appendix operation. Dan had just returned home from a visit to friends in San Diego when he was stricken and rushed to the hospital in nearby Newport Beach. At this writing, Dan is fine again. And, by the way, he is riding around town in a new Buick convertible!

We have received a very nice letter from a young man named Marvin D. Rhodes of Yucaipa, Calif., who has been deaf a little over a year and owns a ranch in the Valley. Marvin would like to hear from other deaf people as he is lonely and with livestock to care for on his ranch, he is unable to get away to attend gatherings of the deaf in larger cities. Those who might be interested may contact Marvin at 12941 - 2nd St., Yucaipa, Calif.

John Curtin played host to visitors from below the border just prior to Christmas, bringing them out to Long Beach one evening.

Senors Eduard Salazer Saeuz, Luis Saeuz, and Ygnacio Padilla were visiting John from Mexicali, Mexico, and were returning there after an extended tour of California which took them up to the Bay Area.

The traditional Twelfth Night was observed most grandly January 5th at the Schreibers' house in Westwood with Herb and Loel playing gracious hosts to more than a hundred guests invited to go a-wassailing anent the good old English custom. With a little help, and mayhap a great deal of hindrance, from Jerry, the pair presided over three overflowing punch bowls from 8 p.m. until midnight. 'Twas a party to put all others in the shade and most of us overstayed our welcome, we're afraid, 'cause the invitations clearly stated "from 8 to 12 p.m." and nobody dreamed of going home when the clock struck twelve, etiquette or no!

Lynton Rider's latest movie films were shown January 12th out at the Inglewood Club with a full house in attendance. The films are new, the first titled "The Cycle Bug" stars Glen Horton as a motorcyclist who doesn't know a thing about motorcycles and what happens when he tries to ride one, and the other film is a sort of sequel to "Oh, Happy Man" and deals with Lynton's further trials and tribulations as a bachelor.

As we go to press, Max and Mary Thompson excitedly inform us that their beautiful daughter, Mary Max Lindley, will present them with a grandchild some time this summer. And Max grins from ear to ear whilst relating the glad tidings . . . we're waiting with bated breath too, Max!

Speaking of Max, did you hear about the swim he took in his back yard pool on Christmas Day? 'Twas all to settle some sort of bet and he tells us that that dive into the drink was enough to put a kink in his hair . . . it was dogged cold, even for sunny California. And folks down around Alamitos Bay, south of Long Beach, were amazed at the spectacle of Frank and Beverly Sladek enjoying a plunge in the surf Christmas Eve. 'Tis an idea . . . how about a swimming party next Twelfth Night? Paging Herb and Loel Schreiber . . . just to be different!

Bay Area News . . .

Miss Valery Bethke of Oakland was taking Mr. and Mrs. Gage Hinman for a ride in her new Plymouth and stopped at the Lutheran church on pretense of a little business and asked Gage to accompany her into the church. To his surprise he found his children and his sister, Mrs. Betsy Howson, who recently arrived home from her European tour, and a host of friends there waiting to help him celebrate his 75th birthday. He was presented with \$75.00 and a number of gifts. Host and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. West, Miss Irene Lynch, Mrs. Estella Albright, Mrs. Joyce Broderick, and Mrs. Lila Fromm.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chick of Sacramento were given a big surprise housewarming recently. Hostesses were Mrs. Smoak, Mrs. Daugher, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. Joe Lacey, and Mrs. Marion Kuntze. The Chicks were given a cash gift. Reports are that they have a beautiful home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lanier are the proud parents of twin sons, born October 26, so there are now four boys in the Lanier family. One more son and they will have a basketball team to remind James of when he played on the Oakland Silents team. M.s. Lanier is the former Charlotte Douglas, a 1952 graduate of the Berkeley school.

Mrs. Ethel Henderson of Oakland, who was injured in a fall at the Lutheran Home some time ago, passed away on Dec. 21. She had lived in Oakland for about a year, having come from Iowa.

Ray Schierman of Oakland brought his friend Earle Ryan to the home of Mrs. Florence West recently and when he got there

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Jack Hedden and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Montgomery of Los Angeles recently attended an electrical display at the Shrine Auditorium and were much interested in the TV-telephone which was being demonstrated at the time with a hook-up between the Auditorium and the Hotel Statler.

Contacting those in charge of the display, Jack went to the Statler whence he spoke to Mrs. Montgomery on the TV-phone, much to the fascination of the crowd of onlookers present.

The incident made it clear just how wonderful the device will be when it is finally perfected and put in use,



especially for the deaf. The pictures show Mrs. Montgomery at the phone at Shrine Auditorium talking to Jack at the Statler.

One drawback is the high cost of the TV-Telephone which makes it impractical for home use at this time. However, the gentleman in charge of the



Shrine exhibition told Jack that the phone is now being used by watchmen and others in large factories and, at some time in the near future, it will eventually be made available for use in private homes. It is manufactured by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Earle was surprised to find a number of friends crowded around the dinette to help him celebrate his birthday. They made him follow a "good luck" string through five rooms, and when he got to the end he found a pile of gifts tied to the string.

Jack Jason, four-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Jason of San Leandro, won the Blue Ribbon Baby contest at a furniture store in Oakland and his parents received free photos of him.

Mrs. Pollai Bennett of Hayward spent the holidays in Hawaii, vacationing with her mother.

Recently hospitalized were Luther Conaway and Mr. Brodie of Oakland and Joseph Beck of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McKean of Oakland have purchased a home and will welcome their new heir soon.

Anthony Yovino-Young of Oakland is the new president of the East Bay Club of the Deaf and a prosperous 1957 is predicted.

Robert Hawvochist, who has been storekeeper at the East Bay Club for seven years, has announced that he will retire and live with a sister in Los Angeles.

Betty Rosson of Oakland took her mother, Mrs. Lester Rosson, and a granddaughter, Diana, on a plane trip for their vacation. They went to Washington, D.C., Richmond, Va., and Knoxville, Tenn., her birthplace, which she had not seen in 50 years. She visited a sister there one week and returned by Denver where the Rossons lived before moving to California 25 years ago.

A surprise 25th anniversary birthday party was given Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doerfert of San Francisco on Dec. 15. The big affair was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Conaway, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jatta, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McKean, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kearney. This writer remembers their wedding 25 years ago, when we took the minister to San Francisco on the ferry and drove up Market Street, where they had a flat tire which delayed the ceremony. About 50 friends helped celebrate the anniversary.

The San Jose Club had a Christmas party on Dec. 22 for members and friends, giving away fifty dollars' worth of presents and refreshments. About 85 persons were present. Windall Wildmon is the new president for 1957. Other officers are Kenny Smothermon,

vice president; Virgil Grubbs, treasurer; Jay Grisby, secy.

Edsel Mathews, Ray Schierman, and Earle Ryan, all of Hayward, gave a hard times party on Dec. 29. William West and John Sobek had the prize-winning costumes, with Mrs. Irene Gibson and Harold Bell second.

Newcomer to San Francisco is P. K. Monaghan of Mississippi and more recently of Detroit. He is a linotyper with a San Francisco newspaper.

Another newcomer is Donald Brannan of Greenbrier, Arkansas, who has landed a job at the Ford plant.

Planned for June are two weddings — that of Miss Bonnie Russell of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and Joe Velez of Berkeley, whose engagement has just been announced, and Miss Kathy Hixon of San Francisco and Sam Blake of Orinda.

During the Christmas holidays Miss Theresa Connors, who teaches in the Minnesota School, and Miss Joan Kovach, of the Tennessee School, visited in the Bay Area.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Harvey have moved from Hollister to Santa Clara, where they have purchased a home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tuskey of Denver, Colo., visited around the Bay Area recently.

The Golden Gate Guild of Oakland met recently for elections. Miss Rhoda Clark is president; Mrs. Florence West, vice president; Mrs. Grace Yovino-Young, secretary; and her husband, Anthony, treasurer. Next, the local C.A.D. chapter elected Mrs. Yeager president; Miss Angela Watson, vice president. After the meeting, luncheon was served by G. G. Guild members Mrs. Isabel Lester, Mrs. Clara Bruns, Miss Sophie Budech, and Mrs. Jane Pale. Miss Rosella Gunderson featured the program with a description of her summer in Mexico and showed slides of places she visited.

NEBRASKA . . .

Far from being in a dormant stage at this time of the year, the Omaha Club of the Deaf has been very active all along since mid-November with the advent of the new basketball season: they have had several parties and meetings, and their basketball team, coached by James Spatz and strengthened by the addition of young James Beacom, capable sharpshooter, has been going full blast, defeating almost all other clubs of the deaf in the MAAD region; there was that big watch party

on New Year's Eve at the Rome Hotel downtown with over 100 people in attendance; and there have been some home games, the last of which was with the St. Louis Silent Club on Jan. 19th; and there was almost always a party after every home game. So the OCD is doing very well, thank you.

In basketball the scores, admittedly impressive but not entirely decisive yet, are as follows: on Nov. 24 with Sioux Falls, 74-60; on Dec. 1 with Des Moines, 91-67; on Dec. 22 with Fort Dodge, Iowa, 107-43; on Dec. 31 with Council Bluffs, 76-63; on Jan. 12 with Sioux Falls, 92-59; and on Jan. 19th with St. Louis, 86-58. However, at this time of writing there are some BB games on the OCD schedule until the MAAD-BB Tournament in Kansas City March 1 and 2, and anything can happen to unset Omaha.

The annual meeting of the OCD on Dec. 14th for election of officers and revision of the By-laws was a long one, lasting until midnight, and it saw all the officers re-elected as follows: President, Arthur Nelson; Vice President, Delbert Meyer; Secretary, Tom Peterson; Treasurer, John Rewolinski; Property Custodian, James Kudrna; and Sergeant-at-arms, Garrett Nelson. A new third trustee was elected in the person of Laverne Haynes to go along with the other two hold-overs, Mrs. Ruth Felix and Mr. Nick Petersen. And the OCD General Entertainment Committee remains the same with Mrs. Norma Nelson, chairman, and Mrs. Eileen Poch, and Miss Patricia Fletcher. It was proposed and approved without a dissenting vote that the club sponsor a series of affairs with the sole object of raising funds to send James Beacom, local athlete, to Milan, Italy, next summer for the International Games for the Deaf, and it would start with the New Year's Party.

The night of Dec. 31 certainly was something to remember, because some unusual things occurred, first in the BB game with Council Bluffs and later at the party: in the

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last quarter of the game two CB boys were put out on personal fouls, thus leaving only three of their team on the floor, but it was for only a few minutes; and at the party there was a most unusual floor show performed by Mrs. Eleanor Propp and Mrs. Shirley Fuller, and Garrett Nelson and Roger Fuller, and it was a Hawaiian dance number, or hula hula as some people would call it, with the performers all painted up to look like genuine Hawaii natives and all bare-footed, and the girls wearing grass skirts and the boys sarongs. And all the committee members had Hawaiian leis around their necks, which helped to make it sort of a "Night in Hawaii." Another unusual thing was a big bag of balloons tied up at the top of a supporting column in the Crystal Room, and at the stroke of midnight it was released to the people below, and there was a dollar bill in some balloons.

There was again something extraordinary at the BB game with St. Louis here in Omaha Jan. 19th and at the party downtown after the game: it was the presence of Bock, St. L. boy, exactly 7 feet tall, who, we believe, is the tallest "deafie" in the world; he took part in the BB game and of course was the main attraction for all who came, and boy! how he could dunk the ball through the hoop without any effort.

PERSONAL NEWS: Seen at the New Year's Eve party were Bob and Marion Pettit of Chicago, Ill. and the Jack Saffertys of Hastings, Nebr.; the Pettits had come to visit relatives and friends and were guests of the Tom Petersons and the John Schenemans for a few days; Jack Gafferty has been wearing a back brace, due to serious injury sustained at work last year, but seems to be improving . . . Frank Milana is back home in Omaha after a second trip to California in search of work and may go there again any time; he covered quite a lot of country on the second trip, down to Texas and then to Arizona and up to Nevada for a while at both Las Vegas and Reno, and then to San Francisco and down to L.A., and finally back to Nebraska . . . Ben and Vivian Delehey are now alone at home with their son, Darwyn, since their second daughter, Sharon Lynne, was married to George Huston, Uni. of Omaha student, the last week of Nov.; Sharon is at Uni. of Omaha too, majoring in Education, and will finish this year, and is substitute teacher at NSD; the Delehays made a trip the last of Dec. to Warrensburg, Mo. to visit their oldest daughter and her family . . . Don and LaVon Boons were in Kansas City for New Year's Day to see his folks, and now Don has located a temporary job in Omaha with a plastic product firm, but hopes later to find something in his line of work for which he was trained; he finished comptometry training at Davis Business School in Omaha a while ago . . . Willis Berke of Council Bluffs was transferred to Sacramento, Calif., by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and he is giving up his house in CB; there was a farewell party for him and his family the last of Dec. and there were over 100 people; Willis has been draftsman for the Engineers in Omaha a long time . . . George and Eleanor Propp are taking care of two other children besides their own two; they are the little daughters of Tom Cuscaden, Elly's brother, of Washington, D.C.; their mother has been sick and was to be operated on, so Tom sent the two little girls to Omaha for his sister to keep for a while.

The Silent Worker regrets that space limitations have made it necessary to hold out a large number of news items this month. News from Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and Washington will be published next month.



CHECKMATE!

By "Loco" Ladner



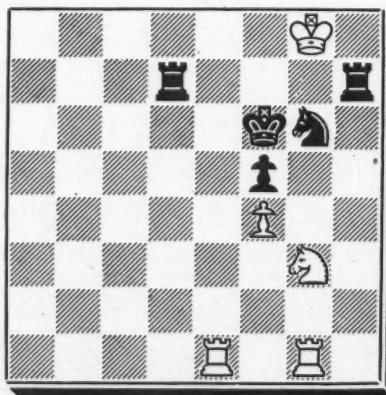
Kid Loco Wins Again

The wise-cracking Kid Loco slugged and jabbed his way for 14 rounds to retain his title in the annual Berkeley Chess Club for the Deaf Tournament of 1956. He won 13 rounds and lost one but was almost hanging on the ropes in the final rounds. The veteran ex-champ, Leandro Maldonado, lost twice to Loco and once to Art Willis to gain a tie for second, 11-3. Art, champion in 1954, floored the Kid in an early round but later was downed by Leandro and Loco. His third loss was an ou and out upset by Oliver Johnson. Thus Art tied for second with 11-3. Fourth place went to Doc Burnes, 7-7, a fine effort as he lost only one round to those below him. Hal Ramger and Oliver Johnson wound up tied for fifth with 4-10 and the bottom rope was shared by Bernie Bragg and Leo Jacobs with 3-11. Leo, the newlywed, can be excused for his failure to concentrate but Bernie failed to show up on numerous occasions, forcing the referee to award the bouts to the opponents. Myron Leenhouts, trying out for the professional arena after a brilliant career in the amateur ranks, found the pace too swift and declined to compete until 1957.

Burnes Ties Collins

Doc Burnes and Fred Collins drew the final game in the second B Tournament, won by Collins. Doc and Joe Lacey tied for second with 7½ points each. However, Doc took the prize—a handsome pocket set—as he had defeated Lacey twice and had the slightly better record.

Checkmate BLACK



WHITE

White to move and mate in ? moves.

The solution: 1. N—R5 ch, RxN; 2. RxN ch, KxK; 3. R—K6 checkmate.

For the chess wives—sometimes called "Chess Widows" among themselves—we recommend the following recipe for a tasty chess pie:

There are almost as many versions of Chess Pie as there are chessmen on the board. This dessert, recorded in history as a centuries-old favorite in England, is sometimes lemon-flavored, sometimes rich with fruit and nuts.

Our own Chess Pie—one of the fruits-and-nuts variety—is truly luscious. It needs only the simple accompaniment of fragrant, hot coffee to be the ideal dessert to serve after cards—or after chess.

Chess Pie

- 2 eggs
- 1½ tablespoons flour
- 2/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ cup seedless golden raisins
- 1 cup pitted dates, cut up

Beat eggs until thick and lemon colored. Combine flour, brown sugar and salt and add to eggs while continuing to beat. Stir in vanilla, cream, raisins, dates and walnuts. Spoon into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees F 50 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between rim and center comes out clean. Makes one nine-inch pie.

By Martha Lee, Home Economics Editor, "Oakland Tribune"

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George Koltanowski, the blindfold chess champion, tells this one: Just before the start of an exhibition of simultaneous blindfold games, he was approached by one of the contestants. "Do you mind very much, Mr. Koltanowski, if I use a small set of chess pieces?"

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N.A.D. Tournament

If chess players are interested in having another tournament at the N.A.D. convention to be held in St. Louis July 21-28, the Chess Editor will contact the program chairman in an effort to make arrangements. The chess tournament at the Cincinnati convention attracted considerable attention and another one may find more players on deck. THE SILENT WORKER is ready to sponsor the affair if enough entries are received to make it worth while.

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EXPLAINING THE PROPOSED NEW N.A.D.

5th of a Series

By the Reorganization Committee

Membership Categories

The problem of devising a Membership Plan geared to the New N.A.D. turned out to require more time and thought than any other part of the reorganization plan. As a matter of fact, revisions and refinements were added right up to the time this is written.

Extra care in designing the membership section was impelled by two hard realities:

1. It is imperative that we face up to the fact that as of now, and in the future, no effective national organization can operate on small change. Because of high costs, bargain membership rates no longer make sense—unless there is a volume to justify it.
2. A variety of incentives and appealing features would be helpful in the transition which must be made toward a financially sound N.A.D. The problem of how to make it meaningful and worthwhile for organizations as well as individuals to become members played a large part in shaping the membership setup.

This committee is under no illusions that the design which finally evolved fully meets these aims. But we do feel that we have devised an overall plan with unique and attractive features.

The plan calls for two major categories of membership, *Organizational* and *Individual*. Under each of these headings would be a variety of classifications. Let us consider the interesting features and the purposes of each of the categories.

Organizational Membership

As we explained in a previous article on the Federation setup, the new N.A.D. would become a federation of organizations of the deaf in the United States and Canada. However, the delegates at the Fulton Conference recommended that eligibility to membership in the federation be limited to state associations and their Canadian equivalents.

Cooperating Members. By a vote of its members, any association of the deaf in the United States and Canada with state-(or province-)wide representation can become a "Cooperating Member" in the federation. The term exactly defines the membership status. Such organizations would simply agree to cooperate—in hands with other groups in the task of advancing the common welfare. As Cooperating Members, the associations would surrender none of their freedom to govern themselves.

The Cooperating Members would cooperate by:

1. Electing a Representative to serve as liaison agent between the association and the

federation, and to vote on behalf of the members of the association at N.A.D. Conventions.

2. Making an annual contribution for the financial support of the federation in proportion to the association's membership. A figure of \$2 per member has been recommended as the fair share.

Regular Members. All dues paying members of Cooperating associations would automatically become Regular Members of the N.A.D. This entitles them to the privileges of participating in conventions and of holding office (see the Bicameral Article of this series).

Here we have two unique membership categories with these interesting features:

1. Organization membership is on a simple cooperating basis.
2. From membership, the association gains:
 - (1) a share in the control of the federation.
 - (2) strength and prestige as a member of the federation.
3. Individuals belonging to Cooperating Associations gain automatic N.A.D. membership with full privileges at the lowest rates.

Honorary Member. By a two-thirds vote in an N.A.D. Convention, Honorary Membership may be conferred upon a hearing person in recognition of distinguished service in the interests of the deaf. Such members would be privileged to participate in conventions, but would have no vote and may not hold office.

Associate Member. Deaf persons residing outside the United States and Canada may be elected Associate Members of the N.A.D., carrying the privileges of participating and voting in conventions but not holding office: Dues, \$12 a year.

Individual Membership

Reorganizing into a federation would not in any way eliminate direct individual membership. To be sure, individual members would no longer be in the driver's seat. Decisive control of the N.A.D. would pass into the hands of the Representatives acting for the Cooperating Members. That is where it belongs, since the bulk of the members will be in the Regular Member Category.

Nevertheless individual members will undoubtedly continue to play an important role in future N.A.D. activities. In any organization, members fall into three types of personalities. One type, the "in-and-outer," is interested only in getting all he can out of his membership. Another just follows his friends in, and doesn't quite know the score. The third group, usually in the minority, regards membership as an opportunity

to be of service to their fellows. He gives freely of his talents, energy, and purse.

The word "patron" best describes this selfless type. It may be said that our Century Clubbers, Life Members, Dollar-a-Month Clubbers and other enthusiastic individual members played a large part in keeping the N.A.D. going in recent years. The patron type is given proper recognition in the New N.A.D. wherein his enthusiasm and leadership will find a free rein.

The individual membership plan described below was approved in part at the Fulton Conference. Recent additions by the committee should appeal to patron-minded members. What might be called a built-in escalator is designed to make the member's total contributions count toward higher rank in the membership scale.

Advancing Member. Let us suppose you decide you want to make a regular contribution of a dollar a month or more, or \$12 a year and up. In this case you enroll as an Advancing Member. "Ascending" or some other word might better describe it, for as long as your contributions continue you automatically move up to the next higher bracket, and beyond if you should desire. Advancing Membership includes a free subscription to THE SILENT WORKER.

Contributing Member. When your contributions total \$100 (or if you pay it in cash) you rank as a Contributor. Present Life Members would be automatically classified as Contributor Members, rated at \$100, from which they may advance further up if they desire.

Sustaining Member. When as an Advancing Member you have paid in \$150 more in regular contributions (or in cash) making a total of \$250, you qualify for the rank of Sustaining Member. Present Century Club members are to be automatically promoted to Sustaining rank.

Patron. Similarly when the grand total of your contributions reaches \$500, your name goes on the Honor Roll as a full fledged Patron.

Benefactor. For the comparatively few who may want to reach the summit, they would rank highest as "Benefactor" at \$1,000 or more, and likewise earn a place on the Honor Roll.

Sponsor. This is a separate classification for individuals or organizations ineligible for membership, who wish to make contributions of any amount. They would be enrolled as Sponsors, having no membership privileges.

The membership section summarized:

Organization Membership

Cooperating—\$10 admission fee; \$2 per member annually

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Honorary Member (for hearing persons) — Two-thirds vote — no dues.

Associate Member—Deaf Persons residing outside U.S. and Canada—\$12 a year.

Individual Membership

Benefactor—\$1,000 in total contributions, or cash.

Patron—\$500 in total contributions, or cash.

Sustaining—\$250 in total contributions, or cash.

Contributing—\$100 in total contributions, or cash.

Advancing—\$1 up per month; \$3 up per quarter; \$12 up per year.

Sponsor—Contributions without regard to membership privileges.

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Present Life Members to be reclassified as Contributing Members.

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6 p.m.—First Round of 4 Games

Friday, March 29

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Saturday, March 30

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